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# A VIEW OF THE PRESENT EVIDENCE

FOR and AGAINST

## Mrs. STEPHENS's *Medicines*,

AS A

SOLVENT for the STONE.

CONTAINING

A Hundred and Fifty-five *CASES*.

WITH SOME

EXPERIMENTS and OBSERVATIONS.

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TO THE

# PRESIDENT and FELLOWS

OF THE

*Royal College* of PHYSICIANS, *London.*

GENTLEMEN,

I Beg Leave to lay the following Matters of Fact before You, who are the proper Judges of whatever relates to PHYSIC; ſubmitting them to Your rigorous and impartial Examination. If I have flattered myſelf with falſe Hopes, it is my Intereſt to be undeceived, and my Duty to acknowledge my Error: But if a ſafe and effectual CURE for the *STONE* be at length found, as it cannot fail of your Approbation, ſo nothing can give it a greater Sanction in the Opinion of the Public.

About a Year ago I publiſhed ſome CASES and EXPERIMENTS which ſeemed to me ſufficient Evidences of a diſſolving Power in the Urine of ſuch Perſons, as take Mrs. *Stephens*'s MEDICINES; though I did not then enter into the Diſcuſſion of that Point, but left the Facts to ſpeak for themſelves. Some Time after, I found that a quite contrary Concluſion had been drawn from thoſe Inſtances and others of a like Nature, as if the Medicines did not diſſolve, but generate STONES. I now therefore republiſh the ſame Caſes and Experiments, with all the other CASES favourable or unfavourable, perfect or imperfect, which I have been able to procure. And in the Courſe of the WORK, I hope to have obviated all the Objections ſuggeſted to me, and even to have proved a diſſolving Power in the medicated Urine.

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As my Deſign is to give an Account of all the Facts that have come to my Hands; I have been obliged to inſert ſome Caſes deſcribed in ſuch general Terms, or attended with ſuch Circumſtances, as to afford no great Light. But there ſeems to be a Number of others clear and expreſs enough, to decide the principal Points in Queſtion.

If farther *EVIDENCE* be required, we may hope to have it, when Mrs. *Stephens* ſhall publiſh her whole METHOD and MEDICINES, in the Manner She has propoſed, as they will then of Courſe be tried both in private Practice and in the Hoſpitals, at Home and Abroad, and the Phyſicians and Surgeons of all NATIONS receive entire Satisfaction, before any REWARD be aſſigned. I therefore perſwade myſelf, that Mrs. *Stephens* will appear to you in a different Light from common Pretenders to *Noſtrums*; and

and that you will not think the Measures that have been taken for the Publication of her Medicines, any Encouragement to *Impostors.*

*I am,*

GENTLEMEN,

*Your most Obedient,*

*and most Humble Servant,*

D. HARTLEY.

# Advertiſement.

*SEveral of the following* CASES *were drawn up by the Perſons themſelves, or extracted from their Letters; the reſt were taken from their own Mouths, or communicated to me by good Hands; ſo that I believe no Errors of Conſequence can have happened. But if any one will inform me where any Thing is amiſs, and give me proper Authority, I ſhall be very ready to rectify Miſtakes, or ſupply Deficiencies.*

Princes-Street,
*near* Leiceſter-
Fields, *Mar.* 3,
1738-9.

D. H.

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A

# VIEW

OF THE

# PRESENT EVIDENCE, &c.

THE Principal Enquiries relating to Mrs. STEPHENS's *Medicines*, ſeem reducible to theſe two.

I. Whether they be, in General, Beneficial or Hurtful to thoſe that are Afflicted with Stone or Gravel.

II. Whether the Urine of thoſe that take them, has any Power to diſſolve and bring away Stones? or on the contrary, Whether it does not Generate and Augment them, and that faſter than the natural Urine of Calculous Perſons?

The firſt of theſe Enquiries relates to obvious Facts, and may be determined by a bare View of the CASES.

The ſecond is of a more intricate Nature, as it relates to Facts not ſo obvious to the Senſes; but may be determined however, by the joint Evidence and mutual Compariſon of the Caſes, of Experiments made upon the Urine, of Examinations by

the Catheter, and of the Appearances upon opening the Bodies after Death.

I will therefore produce all the Evidence I can, of each Kind, favourable and unfavourable, adding withal ſuch Obſervations as ſeem to me moſt Reaſonable; and leave the Whole to the Judgment of the Reader.

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*The Reverend* Mr. FETHERSTON. *His Caſe is drawn up by himſelf, in a Letter directed on the out-ſide to Mr.* Harding, *Book-ſeller, in St.* Martin's-Lane, *but Addreſſed within to Mrs.* Stephens, *which is as follows,*

MADAM,

AS I am convinced that I received great Benefit by your *Medicines*, I reſolved to write to you, before your Advertiſement appeared, but the State of my Spirits being very low, (having the dead Palſy in my whole Right Side, and the reſt of my Body being in ſome Meaſure affected with it) I too eaſily excuſed myſelf the Trouble of Writing. I had been troubled with the Gravel in my Kidneys, about Twenty Years, and once in nine, ten, or eleven Months, a Stone commonly fell into one of my Ureters, which paſſed at firſt within Twenty-four Hours, with ſome ſharp Pain; but in Time, the Stones growing larger, did not generally paſs in leſs than a Week or Fortnight, and that with inexpreſſible Torture, and violent and frequent Vomitings. I was ſenſible of the Moment the Stone dropped into the Bladder, and when I had a Quantity

Quantity of Urine to force it, it always paſſed with more or leſs Pain, according to the Size of the Stone, till about the beginning of *January* 1732; at which Time I had a moſt ſevere and tedious Fit. When the Stone fell into my Bladder, after a proper Time, I endeavoured to void it as uſual, but found it was too large to paſs: I afterwards made frequent Efforts to bring it away, but to no Purpoſe. It gave me a good deal of Pain, eſpecially when I made Water or went to Stool, which increaſed by Time, as I ſuppoſe the Stone did. I continued ſome Years growing ſtill worſe, often confined to my Bed in great Pain. In *October* and *November* 1736, I was in great Affliction, and forced to keep my Bed for good and all, when a worthy Gentleman in this Neighbourhood being acquainted with my Miſery, and hearing in *London* that the Hon. Mr. *Carteret*, received great Benefit by your Medicines, prevailed with me to have a Horſe-Litter from *London*. Indeed my Spirits were ſo low and my Pain ſo great, I had little Inclination to move, but upon the Gentleman's Perſuaſion, I at laſt ſubmitted to be carried to Town, and began to take your Medicines about the fifth or ſixth of *December* 1736. They were a little diſagreeable at firſt, but after ſome Time they became ſo offenſive to my Stomach, that I could hardly keep them down. In a Month or five Weeks, white Flakes of hard Stone began to come from me, and at Times continued to do ſo till the 8th of *February* following, when a large Stone got into the Neck of my Bladder, and gave me great Pain for eight or nine Hours; after which it paſſed, and my Bladder remained for ſome Time very Eaſy. However, I went on with your Regimen, and in three or four Days felt freſh Pain, without voiding any Thing, for ſeveral Weeks: At laſt ſome ſmall Pieces of Stone came away, and I had great Pain in the

Neck of my Bladder, and as I thought, in the oblique Inſertion of the Ureter into it, which continued ſo long without voiding any Thing, that I did not think myſelf in the leaſt Eaſier, than when I began. After taking the Medicines about ſeven Months, I was ſeized with a violent Fever, which obliged me to diſcontinue them, yet in a little Time I voided a great many white and red Pieces of Stone, perhaps Twenty or Thirty, which I am perſuaded came from my Kidneys, and were the Effect of the Medicines I had taken. When my Fever was over, and I could bear being removed, I was carried into the Country in a very weak and low Condition, with much Pain ſtill at the Neck of my Bladder, occaſioned as I afterwards found, by a ragged Flake of Stone which lodged there, and which I voided about the Beginning of *September* 1737; after which I was very eaſy in my Bladder, though not always ſo in my Kidneys. And when I was capable of being helped on Horſeback, I did not find any Complaint upon trotting my Horſe as faſt as my other Indiſpoſition would allow me. I have been eaſy in my Bladder ever ſince, and am perſuaded my Kidneys would have been much eaſier, if my Fever had then allowed me to uſe your Medicines longer; which I apprehend do not produce their Effect ſo ſoon in the Kidney as in the Bladder, becauſe that in the latter, they ſtay with the Urine a long while, and thereby have Time to act upon the Stone; whereas in the former, they only drop in ſmall Quantities on the Stone in their Paſſage. I may be tedious and too Particular, but I think I could not do you Juſtice without being very Particular; as I was not for ſome Time ſenſible of the whole Benefit which I afterwards enjoyed. I cannot ſay with ſome, that my Health is improved in other Reſpects, which perhaps may be owing to a difference of Conſtitution,

or

or Diſtemper, but I am perſuaded that Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines are capable of Relieving ſo many miſerable poor Creatures, who are Afflicted with the Rackings of the Stone and Gravel, that well diſpoſed Perſons, whom GOD has bleſſed with Abilities, cannot better diſpoſe of their Charity, living or dying, than by Contributing to make thoſe Medicines Public.

I am MADAM,

*Your very much Obliged,*

*and moſt Humble Servant,*

Jan. 8, 1738. near
*Maidſtone*, in *Kent*.

JOHN FETHERSTON.

The Palſy will not allow me to Write any more than my Name, with my own Hand. I ſhould be glad to hear from you.

This Account is very favourable to the Medicines in the firſt Enquiry, Mr. *Fetherſton* having received evident Benefit from them, as to his Calculous Complaints, and no Harm, as far as appears, in any other Reſpect. As to the ſecond Enquiry, *viz.* Whether the Medicines diſſolve, or generate Stones, one may Obſerve as follows.

1. It is probable that Mr. *Fetherſton* had the Stone, both of the Bladder and Kidneys, before he began the Medicines. For this unhappy Gentleman ſeems to have had ſo much Experience of his own in this Diſtemper, and to have been ſo Careful in attending to, and Accurate in deſcribing his Senſations, with the concomitant Circumſtances, that he muſt be a good Judge. That he had a Stone in the Bladder is indeed certain, for he told me, *June* 6, 1737, that it had been twice found when a Catheter was introduced in order

order to put it back from the Neck of the Bladder.

2. It is not probable that the firſt white hard Flakes, the large Stone voided on *February* 8, the ſmall Pieces voided afterwards, the white and red Pieces ſuppoſed by him to have come from the Kidneys, and the ragged Flake lodged at the Neck of the Bladder for ſome time, ſhould all be generated by the Medicines.

3. Neither is it probable that one Part of theſe Pieces were generated by the Urine, the other ſeparated from a Stone already formed, theſe two Effects not conſiſting well with each other.

4. Neither is it probable that all theſe Appearances ſhould be the Effect of meer Accident, ſuch Inſtances being hardly ever found.

5. It is probable therefore that the Medicines were inſtrumental in making a Stone, or Stones fall into Flakes and Pieces capable of being diſcharged; or in other Words, that Mr. *Fetherſton*'s Urine had ſome Power to diſſolve and bring away Stones, which is the favourable Side of the ſecond Enquiry. And I think that the Time and Manner in which the Flakes, entire Stone, and Pieces were voided, with the former Complaints and preſent Freedom from them, will ſatisfy every attentive Perſon of the Reaſonableneſs of theſe Concluſions: Which alſo receive ſome Confirmation from another Circumſtance communicated to me by Mr. *Fetherſton*, *June* 6, 1737. *viz.* That the entire Stone had, when voided, ſome white Matter upon it, which he took to be of the ſame Kind with the Flakes that came away before. And agreeably to this it will appear hereafter from ſome Experiments which I made, that many Stones turn white in being diſſolved.

*Mr.*

## II.

### Mr. POPE, *of* Horton-Kirby, *near* Dartford, *Kent*.

HE had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder, and was examined by Mr. *Fern*, who found one. Endeavoured to get Relief by the beſt Means he could to no Purpoſe; for his Pains encreaſed ſo violently, that he had no Reſt Night or Day, but continual Complaints. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *December*, 1737; voided for the firſt three Weeks a great deal of red Gravel with great Pains. Afterwards, for the Space of three Months, he voided daily in his Urine Bits of white Stone in great Quantities, which he could crumble with his Fingers like Oatmeal. After this he was much better, but continued to take the Medicines till *September*, 1738, when he could walk, or ride a trotting Horſe without Inconvenience, and has continued ſo ever ſince, (that is till *January* laſt) and in a good State of Health. Theſe Words are taken from his own Deſcription of his Caſe; and it appears beſides, by his Letters to Mrs. *Stephens*, that the Pieces of Stone firſt voided were like Flakes of Salt, very hard and ſharp, that his Urine was often thick and had a white Sediment, that he parted with much Slime, and that he was in very great Pain for the firſt Month.

This Caſe is alſo very favourable to the Medicines in the firſt Enquiry, Mr. *Pope* having been freed thereby from violent Pains and Diſorders. Neither is it probable that the red Gravel, the firſt very hard and ſharp Pieces, the white Pieces voided

ed afterwards for three Months, and no more, and which crumbled like Oatmeal, with the Eaſe that followed thereupon ſhould be the Effect either of a ſtone-generating Power in the Urine, or of meer Accident. Whereas if we ſuppoſe a ſtone-diſſolving Power in the Urine, the Variations in Colour and Hardneſs may follow from the different Properties of different Parts of the Stone, and the longer Time for which the Urine had acted upon it when the white ſoft Pieces were diſcharged. The Relief from his Complaints may alſo be aſcribed to the Diminution of the Stone, and its coming away after this, not in Pieces, but in thick Water, and white Sediment. However, the great Pains which he felt, upon firſt taking the Medicines, certainly ſhow that this Relief did not proceed from any palliative Quality in them.

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## III.

### Mr. PAYNE, Butler *to* Mrs. BAYNES, *in* Southampton-Row, *near* Bloomsbury-Square.

HE was ſubject to Pains in his Back, with Vomitings, for ſeveral Years, and had alſo great Pain in making Water, with a ſudden ſtoppage, and violent forcings to go to Stool; made bloody Water, upon riding or walking much, for four Years. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for fifteen Months, upon the Uſe of which, his Water became foul at the Time of making, and let fall a heavy Sediment, which dried into a hard Subſtance, and had a ſlimy fetid Matter in it. He voided ſeveral ſmall Pieces of Stone in a ſoft State, and once a Stone as big as the End of his little Finger,

(after

(after having had violent Pains in his Back the preceding Night) which was ſo ſoft as to receive an Impreſſion from the Fingers in being taken up. He has now been perfectly well for near three Years, and is in the Sixty-ſixth Year of his Age. The large Stone became hard and much leſs, when it was dried.

Here again the Medicines have been of eminent Service, and in a way which does not at all favour any ſtone-generating Quality in the Urine, but the contrary. A ſtone-generating Urine, is not likely to bring a Stone from the Kidneys or Bladder, but rather to detain it; nor is it probable that Mr. *Payne*, after having had the Symptoms of the Stone for four Years, ſhould be firſt freed from theſe, and then continue ſo for near three Years, upon this Suppoſition. And the long Time for which he took the Medicines, ſhews, that thoſe who have taken them for a leſs, cannot certainly conclude againſt the Efficacy of the Medicines, notwithſtanding that they be not cured.

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## IV.

### Mrs. JARVIS, *in* Corbet-Court, Gracechurch-Street.

SHE was Afflicted with a Pain at her Stomach, Reachings and Vomiting for near two Years; ſucceeded by violent Pain in her Back, with frequent Inclinations to make Urine, though ſcarce a Spoonful came away at a Time. After having taken ſeveral Medicines to little Purpoſe, ſhe at length applied to Mrs. *Stephens*, and began her Medicines about the fifth or ſixth of *December* laſt, which ſhe ſtill continues. They immediately

took away her Pain, and she has not had the least return of it since: Her Urine, upon standing, generally lets fall a Sediment of a reddish gravelly Kind. This Account was taken *January* 20, 1738-9.

## V.

### Mr. SMART, *of* Dagenhams, *in* Essex.

HAD a violent Heat in his Loins, for about a Quarter of a Year, so that he could not lie easy in his Bed. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for about a Month or five Weeks, and in that Time voided a small Stone about the Bigness of a Pepper Corn, with some Gravel; and became quite free from his Pains.

## VI.

### Mrs. SALTER, *in the* Strand, *opposite to* Somerset-House.

SIXTEEN Years ago began to be Afflicted with a Pain in her Back and violent Reachings, after using Exercise had very bad sick Fits, and Pains in the Head, and now and then brought away small Quantities of Gravel. These Fits returned so often, as to make her Life very uncomfortable for seven Years: She then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders for two Months, they brought away prodigious Quantities of Gravel, and have made her perfectly free from any Complaint of that Kind, ever since.

Dated *Nov.* 8, 1738.

VII. Mr.

## VII.

### Mr. BAKER, *of* Buntingford, Hertfordſhire.

WAS Afflicted with Gravel in his Kidneys for ſome Years: Took ſeveral Medicines but without receiving any Benefit. In the Year 1730 took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders; found immediate Relief, and has been free from his Complaints ever ſince, unleſs when making free with Liquors that are hurtful brings ſomething of it; and then two or three Papers of the Powder carry it off entirely.

## VIII.

### Mr. PEARMAN, *of* Aſpeden, *near* Buntingford, Hertfordſhire.

WAS Afflicted with Gravel in his Kidneys ſome Years: Took ſeveral Medicines, but without receiving Benefit. Then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders; found immediate Relief, and has been free from any ſuch Diſorder, ſeveral Years.

Dated *Nov.* 29, 1738.

The five laſt Caſes are manifeſt Inſtances of Benefit received. And though they do not prove a ſtone-diſſolving Power in the Medicines, becauſe many other Medicines not ſuppoſed to have any ſuch Power, ſeem capable of performing the ſame Cures, yet they agree very well with it, and are far from proving a ſtone-generating one. It may alſo be remarked, that in the three laſt Caſes, the Powders alone were taken, which yet are more

likely to give the Urine a ſtone-generating Power, than the ſaponaceous Decoction or Pills.

## IX.

### Mr. Brockman, *of* Reachborough, *near* Hythe, Kent.

AUGUST 21, 1723, Mr. *Cheſelden* took from him, by the high Operation, a Stone of a conſiderable Bigneſs; after this he had no return of his Pains, till *Auguſt* 1737: Then had pretty ſevere Pain, judged by himſelf and others to proceed from another Stone. However, this went off with common Recipes after ſome Days, and he continued eaſy till the *October* following, when he was taken with another ſuch Fit. He thereupon applied to Mrs. *Stephens*, for her Medicines: They were too ſtrong for his Stomach at firſt, but ſhe varied them ſo afterwards, that he took them twice a Day for more than a Quarter of a Year, and in that Time voided two ſmall Stones. And theſe, with a little ſmall gritty Sand, are all that he has ever obſerved to have been Diſcharged either before or ſince. Has been free from his Pains ſince *October* laſt.

Dated *Sept.* 1, 1738.

It does not appear from this Caſe, that any particular Benefit was received from the Medicines; however, the Diſcharge of the two ſmall Stones agrees better with the Suppoſition of a ſtone-diſſolving, than of a ſtone-generating Power in the Urine.

## X.

*The Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of* BATH *and* WELLS. *His Lordſhip's Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year in the following Words.*

" ABOUT five Years ago he felt a Soreneſs " in his Left Side, after having rode four " Days together, and made Water, which was " firſt Coffee-coloured and then Bloody. Theſe " Complaints went off in a ſhort Time; how- " ever, he became, after this, ſubject to make " bloody Water upon Riding: He felt once a " moſt violent Pain along the Region of the Right " Ureter; it laſted only for a Moment, and hap- " pened during a Fit of Cholic, occaſioned by eat- " ing Strawberries. About two Years ago he was " obliged to forbear Riding, and could hardly Walk " without making bloody Water; had Pain in mak- " ing Water, and a Forcing to go to Stool at the " ſame Time, but no Stoppage: He began Mrs. " *Stephens*'s Medicines in *April* laſt; they increaſed " the Pain in making Water for ſome Time; his " Water became turbid at the time of making, had " ropy fetid Matter in it, depoſited a thick heavy " Sediment, and many ſmall Flakes and Fragments " of Stone were voided with it in a ſoft State: In " five or ſix Weeks he grew much better, and was " able to go over the Stones in his Coach: His " general Health was alſo much improved. In the " beginning of *July* he had a return of the Pain in " making Water, with a ſudden Stoppage now and " then: Upon this he voided ſeveral Pieces of " Stone in a ſoft State, with one pretty large Piece, " part of which was ſoft and white, part brown " and hard, and it gave a little Pain in paſſing: " After this the Pain and Stoppage in making Water

" went

" went off entirely. In *September* he went into the " Country, where he often rides a trotting Horſe " without any Inconvenience; and is free from all " Complaints, excepting that he has now and then " ſome uneaſy Senſations in the Region of the Kid- " neys: He has continued the Medicines till a little " while ago; but his Water has been in general " perfectly clear, during the Uſe of them; whereas " it has twice been turbid upon diſcontinuing them, " and depoſits a red Sediment, which dries into a " ſtony Subſtance."

And by a Letter dated *January* 27, 1738-9, his Lordſhip informs me, that he continued the Medicines with ſome Intermiſſions till *Midſummer* laſt, but without perceiving that they had any great Effect in bringing away Stone; and has enjoyed a pretty good State of Health ever ſince, without any return of his former Complaints. No Pain, Difficulty or Sharpneſs of Urine; no bloody Water, notwithſtanding he has taken ſeveral Journeys, and Rides out daily. He has however, at Times, ſome uneaſy Senſations, as mentioned before, in the Kidneys. His Lordſhip mentions alſo that he never voided any Flakes or Fragments of Stone before he took the Medicines, but only a little Gravel now and then.

If it be here ſuppoſed, that the ſoft Flakes and Fragments above-mentioned were formed by the Medicines, one may naturally aſk for what Reaſon it was, that they were in the Shape both of Flakes and Fragments? Why one Piece was ſoft and white in one Part, brown and hard in another? Why they did not continue to come away as long as his Lordſhip continued the Medicines? And how it comes to paſs that he has received ſo great and laſting Benefit, if the Stone or Stones which his Lordſhip probably had in the Kidneys, or Bladder, or both, remain the ſame or even are increaſed? In like

Manner

Manner it cannot be ſuppoſed that theſe things were the Effects of meer Accident; becauſe nothing of this Kind ever happened before to his Lordſhip, nor are there in Fact any ſuch Caſes to be found, if all Circumſtances be conſidered. Whereas a diſſolving Power in the Urine, which is the only Thing left to be ſuppoſed, if a ſtone-generating one and Accident be excluded, will eaſily account for all Appearances. Some Parts of the Stone fell off in Flakes, ſome in Fragments, according to their different Natures; what had been long expoſed to the Urine was white and ſoft; what for a ſhort Time brown and hard, agreeably to other Caſes and the Experiments hereafter to be related; the Flakes and Fragments ceaſed to be voided, becauſe all the Stone diſpoſed to be diſſolved in this Way was brought off; the Benefit received is from the Stone thus diſcharged, and the uneaſy Senſations in the Kidneys ariſe probably from ſome Stone ſtill left there, which comes away more ſlowly, as it is of a harder Nature, or leſs expoſed to the diſſolving Power of the Urine.

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## XI.

*The Reverend* Dr. SYKES, *in* Great-Marlborough-Street. *His Caſe was alſo deſcribed laſt Year, in the following Words; to which nothing need be added, as he has had no return of his Complaints, nor has ever taken the Medicines ſince.*

" HE has been ſubject to Pains in his Back, with " Vomitings, and the voiding of ſmall Stones " for many Years. About four or five Years ago, " after a jolt in a Coach, he had a Pain in making " Water,

" Water, which continued about three Weeks. In " *November* 1736, after another jolt, he had a re- " turn of the ſame ſort of Pain in making Water: " This became very violent after ſome Time, was " often attended with a ſudden Stoppage, and " he had great Provocation to make Water, eſpe- " cially upon Motion: Made bloody Water after " much Motion in the Chariot; had an uneaſy " Senſation in the Region of the Bladder, upon " turning in Bed, as if ſomething moved within " him. Theſe Diſorders continued about fourteen " Months, at the End of which, *viz.* in *February* " laſt, he began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. " They increaſed his Pain in making Water very " much for ſome Days; his Water depoſited a " white heavy Sediment, and he voided many Flakes " of Stone in a ſoft State, and ſome Fragments in " a hard one. He grew eaſy and free from all his " Complaints in about two Months, excepting that " he had now and then ſome ſmall Pains in the " Region of the Ureters. However, he continued " the Uſe of the Medicines till the End of *Auguſt*, " his Water depoſiting a white heavy Sediment, till " the laſt ten Days or Fortnight of taking. He " has continued perfectly well ever ſince, and can " ride a trotting Horſe, or go over the Stones " in a Coach, without any Inconvenience."

Here one may Obſerve,

1. That Dr. *Sykes* had probably a Stone in the Bladder; Pain and ſudden Stoppage in making Water, bloody Water upon Motion, and an uneaſy Senſation in the Region of the Bladder, being ſtrong Evidences of this, when they happen together.

2. That it is not probable either, that the Flakes or Fragments ſhould be generated by the Medicines, ſince they ceaſed to be voided after a certain

certain Time, notwithſtanding that he continued the Uſe of them.

3. That it is much leſs probable, that both ſoft Flakes and hard Fragments ſhould be ſo generated.

4. That this Diſcharge of Flakes and Fragments, is not likely to have been from meer Accident, becauſe nothing of this Kind ever happened to him, either before or ſince. The ſmall Stones which he voided before, were entirely different from both the Flakes and Fragments, and of that Sort which are commonly called Gravel Stones.

5. That therefore theſe Flakes and Fragments were probably ſeparated from a Stone in the Bladder, by ſome Alteration which the Medicines produced in the Urine, that is, the medicated Urine has ſome Power to diſſolve Stones.

6. That the Diſcharge of the Flakes and Fragments followed the Uſe of the Medicines, and the Relief this Diſcharge; juſt as other Effects do their reſpective Cauſes.

7. That Medicines which give ſo much Pain at firſt, are not likely to ſuffer a Perſon to be eaſy, till the Stone be diſcharged, much reduced, or ſoftened.

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## XII.

### Mr. CUTLER, *in* Wapping-Dock-Street, Wapping.

HE ſays, in a Letter dated *February* 1, 1738-9, that he has taken ſeven of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Balls, (and Powders in Proportion I ſuppoſe) is neither better nor worſe; has voided neither Grit

nor Stones, and that his Illneſs was and is ſtill a violent Pain in his Back and in making of Water.

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## XIII.

### Mrs. KILLICK, *Wife to* Mr. KILLICK, *a* Surgeon, *in* Great Ruſſel-Street.

ABOUT five Years ago ſhe was much Afflicted with Pains at the Neck of the Bladder. She made bloody Water two or three Times: Once had a ſuppreſſion of Urine for two Days. Mr. *Killick* then paſſed the Catheter and found a Stone in the Bladder. She took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders for about a Month, and her Water during that Time depoſited much Sediment, which became very hard when dry. She was much better, though not quite free from her Pains, for about two Months after the Uſe of the Powders, and then died of a Fever.

This Caſe favours the Medicines in the firſt Enquiry: As to the ſecond it determines nothing; but does itſelf require the Light and Evidence of the other Caſes, before we can Judge what was the true Operation of the Medicines in it. If it ſhall appear from the other Caſes that the Medicines generate Stone, then the Sediment here voided did probably contain a Part of the ſtony Matter thus generated; and the other Part alleviated the Pains, by covering the Stone with a ſoft Surface. Whereas if it be found from the other Caſes, that the Medicines diſſolve the Stone, then the Sediment did probably contain Part of the Stone thus diſſolved, and the Pains were alleviated by the conſequent ſoftneſs of the remaining Surface. However,

ever, upon both Suppoſitions it appears, that the Powders are a very conſiderable Part of the Medicines, and therefore that their Effects, good or bad, are probably ſomething more than thoſe of meer Soap.

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## XIV.

*The Reverend* Mr. BURROUGHS, *near* Clerkenwell Church. *His Caſe is contained in the following Letter to me, dated* October 10, 1738.

SIR,

WITHIN the laſt fifteen or ſixteen Years, I have had three or four ſhort Fits of the Gravel, but never was confined with any Thing of that Kind, till *May* 1736; when upon a violent jog on Horſeback, by the Horſe's ſtarting and jumping out of his Road, my Kidneys were affected. From this Time, for ſome Months, bits of Gravel, with ſome ſmooth round Stones of the bigneſs of Tares, were almoſt continually paſſing from me, and with exceſſive Pain. In *September* there was a ſuppreſſion of Urine for five Days, excepting what ſtrained through the Pores of a monſtrous Piece of Gravel which then came away. Three more ſuch Pieces of different Shapes, came away in about a Week's Time, after which I was very eaſy for about two Months; but in *November*, I had great Pains in the Neck of my Bladder, and from that Time bloody Water came, and my Urine, eſpecially in *January* and *February* following, was almoſt continually ſcalding. I did not take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines till the 12th of *February*, and on the 19th, a pretty large Stone of a whitiſh Colour

came away from me. In leſs than a Fortnight eighteen were voided, the laſt of which in a regular Oval Form, meaſured an Inch and a half one Way, and above an Inch the other, and yet came away with very little Pain. Some of the reſt were bigger than common Peaſe, being Parts of a ſmooth, round or oval Subſtance on one ſide, and on the other ſide rough, and broke into many different Shapes. Since that Time, Thanks be to God, I have felt no Pain worth mentioning, nor has any Thing come away excepting a little red Gravel. Moreover there has been ever ſince, a perfect Retention of Urine, excepting perhaps the firſt Month or two, whereas for ſome Years before, it often paſſed involuntarily. There is one Thing at which I am very much ſurprized, that whereas while the Stones were coming away, they crowded ſo haſtily forwards, that after every Sleep, I waked with a ſuppreſſion of Urine; upon taking five or ſix Pills provided by Mrs. *Stephens*, the Suppreſſion went off, and a flow of Water conſtantly came in four or five Minutes.

This is a true Account of my Case, of which you may make what Uſe you think fit, with the full Conſent of

*SIR*,

*Your Obedient Humble Servant*,

Joseph Burroughs.

Here is great Benefit received, and no Evidence of a ſtone-generating Power, but the contrary: Only it ſeems that the Stone was here rather broke into ſolid Pieces, than diſſolved gradually. Agreeably to which it will be found, when we come to the Experiments, that a ſmall hard Stone had ſeveral Cracks in it, after about a Month's Digeſtion

tion in my medicated Alkaline Urine. Whether this be effected by the Stone's imbibing the Urine, ſwelling and burſting, or ſome other Means, is left for future Enquiry.

## XV.

### *The Reverend* Mr. ARNET, Vicar *of* Wakefield, Yorkſhire.

HAS been Afflicted with a Pain between the ſmall of his Back and Right Side, for many Years. Once voided a flat, browniſh Stone almoſt an Inch long: For the laſt nine or ten Years, his Complaints have been increaſed, eſpecially upon Motion, and his Urine has been Coffee-coloured or Bloody after it. He took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for two or three Months laſt Summer, and found conſiderable Benefit by them as to his Complaints. However, as he ſtill apprehends that he has a Stone in the Right Kidney, from his Pains in the Back and Right Thigh, he reſolves to begin again, having omitted them only through Buſineſs abroad, want of Medicines, or the Gout.

## XVI.

### Mr. BERREY, *of* Eaſt-Horſley, *near* Ripley, Surry.

HAS had the Gravel in the Kidneys for ſome Time, and voided much Gravel with many Stones, ſome half an Inch long: Sometimes has a Stoppage at the Neck of the Bladder, for a little Time,

Time, before the Urine comes. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, ever ſince *June* 1738: He has received great Benefit from them, but voided no Gravel, Stones, or Pieces of Stone ſince he took them. His Urine is often thick, ſometimes whitiſh and ſometimes reddiſh.

## XVII.

### Mrs. BILBIE, *of* Nottingham.

ABOUT three Years ago was ſeized with violent Pains in the left Kidney, Reachings and Vomitings. Theſe returned after ſome Time, and ſhe continued almoſt always in Pain, eſpecially upon Motion. Conſulted ſeveral eminent Phyſicians, who all agreed in believing that ſhe had a Stone in the Kidney: Was obliged to take Opiates in great Quantities for nine Months, loſt her Appetite and fell into a bad State of Health. She has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines ever ſince *December* 1737, but her Stomach is not able to bear the full Quantity. She has received very great Benefit from them, both as to her Calculous Complaints, and her Health in other Reſpects. Her Urine is often white, and lets fall a Sediment like Tobacco-Pipe Clay.

I leave theſe three laſt Caſes to be explained by the other Evidences. If it ſhall appear from other Evidences, that the medicated Urine has a diſſolving Power, theſe Caſes will be perfectly conſiſtent with it, ſuppoſing it to operate in them in a leſs obvious Manner. Sometimes the Stone comes away in Flakes, ſometimes in Fragments, and ſometimes under an impalpable Form, in the thick Water and white Sediment, much as one would

would naturally expect from a diſſolving Power in the Urine, exerted upon different Stones, under different Circumſtances.

## XVIII.

### Mr. BARON, *of* Wigan, Lancaſhire.

HE was confined with the Stone for above four Years, and entered upon Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines *April* 9, 1738, at five o' Clock in the Evening, being Sixty-ſeven Years old. In the Night great Pain and no Reſt.

*April* 10. In the Morning, a white ſlimy Sediment in the Water, with a few ſmall Stones; in the Day time very little Water, with much Difficulty and great Pain.

11. In the Morning, a few ſmall Stones and Sand, with a great deal of Pain all Night, and no Reſt. Pain very great all Day.

12, 13, 14, 15. Much the ſame.

16. Little Water, and great Pain.

17. 18. The ſame.

19. Water thicker and more white. Great Pain.

20. The ſame.

21. The ſame, only at five at Night vomited up the Powder; and the Night after leſs Pain.

So far a Diary was kept; after which it was dropped, his Caſe proceeding much after the Manner of Mr. *Bolton*'s, (*to be related hereafter*) for about the ſame Space of Time. After which Mr.

Mr. *Baron*, who had been too ſenſibly convinced of his having a large and ponderous Stone in his Bladder, by the uſual grievous Symptoms, and particularly by his being able manifeſtly to perceive it to change its Place, as he altered his Poſture; found the Senſation of Pain, Weight and Preſſure gradually diminiſh; voiding in the mean Time ſmall Stones and Pieces of Stone, of almoſt all Colours, Shapes, and Conſiſtencies. Some of a greyiſh Colour, hard and apparently Concave and Convex. He met with ſeveral Difficulties during the Courſe of taking the Medicines, and particularly that of not being able to keep them upon his Stomach.

He has now left off the Medicines for about ſix Weeks; his Urine flows freely and without the leaſt Difficulty: The Senſation of Weight and Preſſure in the Bladder, is entirely vanquiſhed. But he is at preſent afflicted with great Pain in the Region of the Kidneys, by Fits, (ſometimes on one ſide, and ſometimes on both) extending itſelf down all the Thigh of the ſide affected. Before he took the Medicines, he never voided any Thing above the bigneſs of a large Pin's Head, with ſome red Sand. His Urine is at preſent, like that of other Sound People.

This Deſcription of Mr. *Baron*'s Caſe, was ſent to me at his Requeſt, by a Gentleman, his Friend; and is dated *January* 28, 1738-9: And it affords many Obſervations of the ſame kind with ſome that have been made before, as that the Diſcharge of Stones and Pieces, with the conſequent Relief, did not in all Probability ariſe from Accident, or any ſtone-generating Power, and therefore muſt ariſe from a ſtone-diſſolving one. It alſo confirms Mr. *Fetherſton*'s Obſervation, that the medicated Urine has probably greater Power over Stones of the Bladder, than over thoſe of the Kidneys; Mr. *Baron* ſeeming

ſeeming to have a Stone in one or both Kidneys, ſtill remaining.

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## XIX.

### Mr. Blencowe, *of* Marſton, *near* Brackley, Northamptonſhire.

IN *June* 1735, had a Stoppage of Urine, with Pain and Reaching: Afterwards became ſubject to make bloody Water upon Riding: Conſulted an eminent Phyſician, who judged that he had a Stone in the Kidney, too large to paſs: Took his Medicines for a Year. About *Chriſtmas* 1736, took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders with an Herb-Tea, for a Week; they were ſo diuretic and made him ſo coſtive, that he was forced to leave them off without any Benefit, and has had greater ſharpneſs of Urine and Pain in his Kidneys ever ſince.

Since Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders are very diuretic, it is not likely that they ſhould generate or augment Stones; therefore, as the ſaponaceous Liquid can hardly be ſuppoſed to do this, neither is it likely that both together ſhould. With regard to the Caſe itſelf, one may obſerve, that as Mr. *Blencowe* did not take the Liquid with the Powders, nor was able to perſevere in thoſe, it cannot be expected that he ſhould find the ſame Benefit, as others who do. And it appears from the other Caſes, that it is common for the Medicines both to increaſe the Symptoms at firſt, and to relieve them afterwards; which ſeems to be a Preſumption, in favour of their diſſolving Power.

## XX.

### Mrs. B-----

MY Wife for this twenty Years laſt paſt, has been perpetually breeding Stones in her Kidneys, which as they fell down the Ureters, and were working their way into the Bladder, uſed to cauſe ſo great Pain and throw her into ſuch violent Agonies, as nothing but a Quantity of *Laudanum* could appeaſe. Many of theſe ſore Fits ſhe has had, but more frequently formerly than of late; and had preſerved two little Boxes of Stones of various Shapes and Sizes, which came from her at ſeveral Times, the biggeſt near as big as a Kidney Bean. For when the Stone had once gained this difficult Paſſage, immediate Eaſe followed, and in two or three Days Time, ſhe uſually voided it with her Water. But the laſt ſevere Fit ſhe had, (which was about two Years ago) no Stone came away as uſual, but lodged in the Bladder; and as ſhe had great Reaſon to believe, from the Pain ſhe felt there, has been increaſing ever ſince.

Having waited thus long, and now deſpairing of ever getting rid of it any other Way, ſhe at laſt reſolved upon Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, which accordingly were ſent for, and ſhe began to take them the beginning of *October* laſt: But ſhe being naturally of a weak Conſtitution, and this further impaired by long labouring under this Diſtemper, could neither take ſo frequent nor ſo large Doſes as were preſcribed: For inſtead of three in a Day, ſhe only took two; and inſtead of Beer Meaſure, took the Draught by Wine. However, by the Bleſſing of God, in about ſix Weeks Time ſhe found the Stone

Stone began to diſſolve and come away, and ſo has continued to do ever ſince, at Times, in rotten Bits, which break upon the leaſt Touch. So that though I cannot ſay the Cure is as yet compleat, becauſe ſhe has ſtill ſome Pains remaining, though much abated, yet certainly the Medicines bid very fair for it, and have done as much as can be required of them in the Time.

Saffron-Walden,
Eſſex, *Feb.* 1,
1738-9.

R. B. *Cler.*'

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## XXI.

### Mrs. GARDINER, Compton-Street, St. Ann's.

ABOUT eleven Years ago, I found myſelf ſeized with violent Pains in my Back and about my Bladder, with Stoppage of Urine and bloody Water, upon the leaſt Motion. At *Michaelmas* 1734, was ſeized with a violent Fit, which laſted me till near *Eaſter* following, and reduced me ſo low as made all my Friends deſpair of my Recovery, and give me over for Dead; not having been able to bear turning in my Bed for ſeveral Weeks, without exquiſite Pain. I then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines; they gave me much Pain at firſt, but in ſix Days Time brought away a Stone, as big as a large Filbert, beſides a great Quantity of Matter every Day, that when dried ſeemed to be a Kind of Sand. In leſs than a Month, I was able to go abroad without any Inconvenience, and ſome time after left off the Medicines. About a Twelvemonth after was ſeized with another Fit; had recourſe to Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and after taking them three or four Days, brought away three large Pieces of Stone, each Day one, which ſeemed

to be broke off from one another, beſides great Numbers of ſmall ones. I left off the Medicines ſoon after theſe came away, and have continued perfectly free from every Symptom of the Stone ever ſince; and beſides, am better in Health now at Forty-five Years of Age, than I have been any Time theſe Twenty-five Years paſt.

*October* 24, 1738. DO. GARDINER.

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## XXII.

Monſ. REAU, *at* Hammerſmith. *The following Account is Tranſlated from the French.*

HAVING been Afflicted for two Years with Heat of Urine, which increaſed upon me perpetually; I went to *London* to conſult an able Phyſician there, who from the Account which I gave him of my Diſorder, believed that it proceeded from Gravel, and ordered me a Medicine which gave me ſome Relief. But my Diſorder returning, and becoming more ſharp than before, I conſulted Mrs. *Stephens*; ſhe aſſured me that I had a Stone in the Bladder, and upon this Aſſurance I began her Medicines, the Eighth of *November*, 1737. I ſuffered much for the firſt Fortnight, being able to make very little Water at a Time; but at the End of it, I began to void ſmall white Scales, reſembling Pieces of Egg-ſhell, and which were brittle like Lime. I continued to void the ſame for almoſt four Months, my Water being turbid all that Time, and often having much reddiſh Slime. At length, ſeeing my Cure went on ſlowly, I deſired Mr *Cheſelden* to examine me by the Catheter: he found I certainly had a Stone, and this encouraged

couraged me to continue the Medicine. as I had received great Relief from it. Soon after this Examination I voided two ſmall brown Stones, and thence forward from time to time, voided white ones, and with ſufficient Eaſe. Towards the End of the ninth Month I voided three or four larger than the foregoing, and in the tenth Month I voided one ſo large, that it remained two Days in the Paſſage; it is rough and about the Size of a Plumb Stone. I ſhewed this to Mrs. *Stephens* a few Days after, who told me that ſhe believed it to be the Kernel of the Stone, and that it might be proper to diſcontinue the Medicine: This was in the End of *Auguſt* 1738. I have had no Complaint ſince that Time, and have gone twice to *London* in a Coach, without any Inconvenience.

*October* 24, 1738. REAU.

The three laſt Caſes ſeem no ways to be accounted for upon the Suppoſition of a ſtone-generating Power in the Urine, but admit of an eaſy natural Solution upon the contrary one. And indeed, What could a real diſſolvent do more, than bring off rotten Scales, Fragments, and entire Stones in a palpable Form, or impalpable Particles in the thick Water, and make the Perſon eaſy at laſt?

## XXIII.

### *The Reverend* Mr. LAMPLUGH.

HE was ſeized with a violent Pain in his left Side after a Wrench, which he received in Riding. Made bloody Water all the next Day and Night: Took ſome oily Medicines and was better. However as he ſtill had ſmall Pains in his Back, he took

Mrs.

Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. In about ten Days he voided a fleſhy Subſtance about an Inch and a half loug: Voided afterwards ſeveral ſoft, reddiſh Subſtances in ſmall Lumps. The Medicines offended his Stomach very much, and increaſed his Pains: He left them off and died much waſted in a Month or ſix Weeks after. The Phyſicians that attended him, were very uncertain what Judgment to make concerning the Cauſe of his Complaints, and his Body was not opened.

This Account I had partly from Mr. *Lamplugh* himſelf, and partly from a near Relation. That the Medicines were hurtful in his Caſe I think very probable, this being his own Judgment, and that of thoſe about him. But as it is not certain what his Caſe was, one can draw no certain Concluſions from it, to prove the general Hurtfulneſs of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in the Stone or Gravel. And if we ſhould ſuppoſe that Mr. *Lamplugh* had a Stone in the Kidney, yet he might have alſo ſome Particularity in his Caſe or Conſtitution, which made the Medicines, in the Manner and Doſe directed, hurtful *to him*; juſt as there are particular Perſons who either cannot take *Bark*, *Mercury* and *Opium* at all, or only in certain Doſes and Preparations. And indeed it is much to be lamented, that Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines are not known to Phyſicians, that ſo they might be adjuſted by them to the Circumſtances of each Patient.

## XXIV.

R. SKRINE, Esq. *I had the following Account from his own Mouth*, June 7, 1737, *which I wrote down immediately after I left him.*

HAD been Afflicted with the Stone for nine Years. Such a Stoppage of Urine for a Year, that he was obliged to pass a Leaden Probe every Day. Thought that he felt with this, two small Stones that stopped the Urine at the Neck of the Bladder, and also a large one which he could not move. Had ulcerous stinking Matter in his Urine very often; great Irritation, Pain and Difficulty in making Water; bloody Water often, and violent Forcings to go to Stool. Had then taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines constantly for five Months, and voided a very large Quantity of thick Sediment, with some little Stones, which he called also Grit and Gravel, and said that two or three of them were as big as Peas, and that they were all voided in a soft State. He had some Pains in his Sides which he supposed owing to the moving of a Stone, but said he was vastly better than when he began the Medicines, could move about and had hardly any Complaints.

I waited upon Mr. *Skrine* again, *September* 21, 1737; and then was informed by him, that he had had a violent return of his Pain, and Difficulty in making Water about a Month before, with the Discharge of much Matter; also another return of the same Kind about a Week before; but was better then. Had likewise had a Rash, to which he was always subject at that Time of the Year.

After

After this he continued the Medicines till the beginning of the *December* following, then left them off, and died in about a Month from that Time; growing, I believe, perpetually worſe both whilſt he took them, and after he had left them off. His Body was opened, and four Stones, each about the Size of a Cheſnut, found in the Bladder; a ſmall one in the Right Kidney and an Ulcer in the Left. The Stone of the Kidney ſeemed of a porous, ſpongy Nature, thoſe of the Bladder were very compact, and had a few white Eminencies upon their Surfaces, which were ſmooth and brown every where elſe. One of them was ſawed through, by which the external Parts appeared to be of a lighter Colour than the internal ones.

That Mr. *Skrine* had an Ulcer in his Left Kidney, before he began the Medicines, is probable from the ulcerous ſtinking Matter, which he voided. And whoever conſiders all his Complaints, with the Cauſes of them, will think it doubtful whether or no the Medicines can with Juſtice be ſaid to have done him any Harm. At firſt they appeared to be of great Service, and what happened afterwards might be owing to the natural Progreſs of his Caſe, and particularly of the Ulcer in his Kidney, or perhaps to ſome accidental Cold, Fever, *&c.* at leaſt in ſome Meaſure. Whether the Medicines had augmented or diminiſhed the Stones in the Bladder and Kidney, cannot be known by their Size when taken out, becauſe one cannot tell how big they were when he began the Medicines. Neither will the other Cicumſtances determine this. The white Eminencies might either be freſh Incruſtations from the ſtone-generating Urine, or Parts of the original Stones much changed, but not yet brought off by the ſtone-diſſolving one, according as other Evidences ſhall prove this or that Quality to be in it.

And

And for the ſame Reaſons, that Stones are ſometimes ſmooth during their Increaſe in natural Urine, they may be ſmooth during their Increaſe or Decreaſe in medicated Urine, which laſt we may conceive to be performed by reverſing the Steps of the natural Increaſe. In like Manner, the brown Colour of the Surfaces will not conclude againſt either Opinion, ſuppoſing either to be made probable by the other Caſes; becauſe brown Stones and Pieces have been voided ſometimes, tho' rarely, in other Caſes. Beſides which, it may be that Mr. *Skrine*'s Diſcontinuance of the Medicines for a Month before he died, might ſuffer the Stones to grow ſmooth and brown by ſuffering the Urine to return to its natural State. And upon the whole, one cannot do better than refer this doubtful Caſe to the clearer Evidence of the others, eſpecially as he voided much thick Sediment, with Grit and Gravel in a ſoft State, as in the others. Or if we do ſuppoſe that theſe Stones were not either augmented or diminiſhed, ſtill there can be no certain Concluſion drawn from thence, with relation to other Stones of a different Nature.

I have been the more particular in my Reflections upon this Caſe, becauſe it has been thought to be one of thoſe which are moſt unfavourable to the Medicines. And tho' Juſtice to the World obliges me not to be partial to the Medicines; yet there is alſo a Tenderneſs due to the many afflicted Perſons who are now taking them in hopes of finding Relief thereby; nor ought I to ſuffer theſe to be diſcouraged or terrified without Reaſon, by neglecting to place Things in ſuch fair and equitable Lights as may obviate their Fears and Apprehenſions. However as I have now ſhewn the Reader my Way of reaſoning upon ſeveral Caſes of different Kinds, I ſhall for the future confine myſelf in great Meaſure to a bare Relation of the Facts, and deſire him, as

he goes along, to try the two Suppoſitions of a Stone-diſſolving and Stone-generating Urine by the Circumſtances of each Caſe, remembring to argue from what is clear to what is doubtful, and to make his Concluſions conſiſtent with one another.

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## XXV.

### *The Reverend* Dr. MAXWELL, *of* Grays, *in* Eſſex.

HAVING been afflicted with the Stone and Gravel to ſuch a Degree that I could neither ride, nor walk, nor ſtoop without great Pain, with all the bad Symptoms uſually attending that Diſtemper, after I had tried ſeveral Things to no purpoſe, and grew every Day worſe, I applied to Mrs. *Stephens*, and took her Medicines for about four Months, during which Time I voided ſeveral ſmall Stones, but one ſo large as to cauſe a total Suppreſſion of Urine for eight and thirty Hours, which the Medicines at laſt brought away with very little Pain. This Stone by its irregular Figure ſeemed to have been bigger.

Beſides theſe Stones and coarſe Gravel, the Medicines brought away in great Quantities a whitiſh Subſtance that ſettled always to the Bottom of the Chamber-pot. I am now eaſy and free from all Pain, and can bear the Motion of a hard trotting Horſe without any Trouble.

I found no ill Effect in any Reſpect whatſoever, either whilſt I was taking the Medicines, or ſince I left them, which is now ſix Weeks. I think myſelf obliged in Juſtice to make this public Declaration.

*November* 30, 1738.

ROBERT MAXWELL.

## XXVI.

### Capt. KELLET, Downing-ſtreet, Weſtminſter.

ABOUT nine Years ago I began to be afflicted with the Gravel, and an uneaſy feeling about the Kidneys. The Year following the *Tunbridge* Waters had ſo good an Effect upon me that I voided a very great Quantity of white Gravel in one Night, which I ſhewed the next Day to the late Mr. *Craddock* the Surgeon, who ſaid he believed it to have been a Stone juſt formed, that had been diſſolved; and for a conſiderable Time after I had no Complaints; nor did I find myſelf very uneaſy till about three Years and a half ago, when I had regular Fits of Vomiting, and ſtrong Cholicks every three Weeks or Month without voiding any Thing, alſo a conſtant Heat and Weight in my Back which grew worſe perpetually. I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the 15th of *October* 1736, and have had but one bad Fit ſince, which was the 12th of *May* following, at which time I made a ſmall Quantity of bloody Water, a Thing that never happened to me but once before. I now never feel the diſagreeable Senſation in my Back, but upon the paſſing of Wind in the Parts thereabouts, and then only in a ſmall Degree. My Urine is frequently charged with a white Sediment which falls immediately, and dries into a chalky Subſtance. I have taken theſe Medicines with the utmoſt Regularity ever ſince I began them, and find my general Health ſo very much improved, that I ſhall continue them in hopes of a perfect Cure.

*January* 31, 1738.

W. KELLET.

## XXVII.

### Joseph Kettle, Esq; *at* Cambridge.

HAD the usual Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. Was examined by Mr. *Cheselden*, and a Stone found. Took the Medicines for about a Year, but not constantly, nor always in full Quantity. His Account of himself dated *Nov.* 29, 1738, is as follows: "Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines have done "me no harm, only occasioned a swelling in my "Body and Legs, and since I left off taking her "Medicines the swelling is gone off, and I am in "the same State I was in before."

Perhaps it would have been better here to have given the Medicines with less Liquid, and if by this Means Mr. *Kettle* had been enabled to have taken them regularly, he might perhaps have found the same Effects as most others do. However, it is not certain that the Stone in his Bladder is of the same Size as when he began; for a Stone may receive a considerable Increase or Decrease, and yet continue to give the same Complaints.

## XXVIII.

### Mr. Thomas. *His Case was published last Year in the following Words.*

"HE had the usual Symptoms of a Stone in "the Bladder, and began Mrs. *Stephens*'s "Medicines in *September* last, being about 75 Years "old. *October* the Eighth Mr. *Hawkins* examin-

"ed

" ed him, and found a Sone in the Bladder,
" which he told Mr. *Thomas*, he believed to be a
" large one: Upon firſt taking the Medicines Mr.
" *Thomas*'s Water depoſited much heavy Sediment,
" which dried into a ſtony Subſtance: Some time
" after he voided ſoft white Scales in great Quan-
" tities with Grit and Slime, which I ſaw. His
" Pains were great at this Time: They continued,
" he loſt his Appetite, grew feveriſh, and died *Jan.*
" 20. His Body was opened, and a Stone taken
" out of the Bladder. This Stone Dr. *Shaw* and
" Mr. *Hawkins* ſaw *Jan.* 30. I ſaw Dr. *Shaw* that
" Evening, and took down from his Mouth the fol-
" lowing Words, relating to the Appearance of the
" Sone.

" *The Stone was light, white on the Outſide, a great*
" *Part of it covered with a cretaceous Coat,*
" *which broke off in Flakes with great Eaſe, per-*
" *fectly like to thoſe before voided, as appeared by*
" *comparing them. The Stone would, to any indifferent*
" *Perſon, plainly appear as if acted upon by a Sol-*
" *vent, ſo as to have greatly diminiſhed its Bulk.*
" *The inner Part of the Stone was reddiſh, and*
" *harder than the external, when tried by a Knife.*
" *There were Two Bulgings, which roſe pretty*
" *high above the Stone, and which appeared to be*
" *leſs acted upon by the Solvent than the other Parts.*
" *The Stone was not covered equally with the ſame*
" *Coat, but what covered one Part appeared to have*
" *been taken off in others.*

" The next Day I ſaw Mr. *Hawkins*, and took
" down from his Mouth the following Words re-
" lating to the Appearance of the Stone:

" *He ſaw a Stone weighing nearly Two Ounces, as*
" *Mrs.* Thomas *ſaid. The Surface was of a whitiſh*
" *Colour, and in Part covered with a Matter that*
" *had all the Appearance of the ſoft Shells that had*
" *before come away in Mr.* Thomas's *Water.*

" *This*

" *This Matter was very Soft, and ready to fall off*
" *and crumble upon the leaſt Touch. By theſe Ap-*
" *pearances he ſays, that he ſhould imagine that the*
" *Stone had been larger, and that this ſoft Matter*
" *ſeem'd to be ready to fall off in a little time. The*
" *Part of the Stone not covered with this ſcaly*
" *Matter, appeared, when ſcraped with a Knife,*
" *of a ruſty Iron Colour, and conſiderably hard.*"

I believe no body could have ſeen the prodigious Quantities of ſoft white Scales voided by Mr. *Thomas* ſoon after he began the Medicines, without being immediately reduced to this Dilemma, that the Medicines muſt either diſſolve or generate Stone. Now ſurely the laſt Suppoſition it as difficult to the Imagination (if that be allowed to have any Weight here) as the firſt, and in this Caſe, as well as others of the like Kind, there ſeem to be ſome Circumſtances very unfavourable to it; as that the ſame Urine muſt firſt incruſt the Stone, and then bring off its own Incruſtations in prodigious Quantities.

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## XXIX.

### Mr. WARING, Shoreham, *in* Kent.

I Began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the eighth of laſt *April*, and took them about two Months. I have brought away a great deal of ſlimy Matter, which when dry, ſeems to be of a ſtony Subſtance: I make Water with a great deal leſs Pain and much freer, than I had done at any Time two or three Years before, and find my Health improved in other Reſpects. The chief Inconvenience

convenience which I found in taking them, was Coſtiveneſs, which I eaſily remedied.

*Auguſt* 28, 1738. R. WARING.

## XXX.

### Mr. CLARK, *of* Stanford-Rivers, *near* Ongar, Eſſex.

I Had been many Years very much Afflicted with the Stone, having frequent and violent Pains in my Groin, my Water often ſtopping at full Stream, and making bloody Water after Riding. I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for the Stone, for ſeven or eight Weeks; they worked very kindly with me all that Time, and at laſt brought away a Stone as big as a Horſe Bean, which I have now by me to ſhew; and I have now continued perfectly free from any Uneaſineſs of the Stone, for above two Years.

*Octob.* 11, 1738. WILLIAM CLARK.

## XXXI.

### EDWARD MADDOCKE's, Eſq. Vron Yew, *near* Denbigh, North-Wales.

IN the beginning of *September* 1735, I had a very ſevere Fit of Stone and Gravel, and from that Time to the End of laſt Spring, was not a Month together, at one Time, without ſevere Returns of it; but through the Means of what was given me, I voided in that Time ſeveral Scores of ſmall Stones, and

and a few as large as the Kernel of a ſmall Hazel-Nut; and ſometimes after Walking or Riding, I uſed to make Urine of the Colour of Coffee. And finding after two Years and a half, being ſo afflicted with that miſerable Diſtemper, and uſing in that Time all the Means that were preſcribed me, that the Cauſe ſtill remained; I reſolved in *March* laſt to come to *London*, to Mrs. *Stephens:* At which Time I had from her a Quart Bottle of her Powders and fifteen Balls, which according to her Orders, I took at my return into the Country, three times a Day, purſuant to her uſual Directions, and began with the Medicines on the twentieth Day of laſt *April*. And the ſecond, third and fourth Days after I began to take them, I could perceive my Urine to be very Muddy and full of Slime, and Party-coloured. And the fifth and ſixth Days I parted with Fifty-five Stones, (beſides a great Quantity of Sandy Matter) ſome whereof were, at the Time I voided them, as large as a Rouncival Pea that had been flattened; and the reſt about the Bigneſs of large and ſmall Pins Heads, and when I handled ſome of the large Ones between my Finger and Thumb they crumbled to ſmall Pieces (which I ſent to Mrs. *Stephens*) and the ſmall Ones at that Time ſeem'd to be hard. And after I had parted with theſe Stones I continued to take the Medicines daily as before, and voided no more ſolid Stones, but a vaſt Quantity of a ſlimy, reddiſh, and ſandy Matter, daily for ſix Weeks or more, and then my Urine began to be at times clear, and then ſomething Muddy again; and I ſtill continued the Medicines as uſual till the middle of *July*; at which time Mrs. *Stephens* ſent me word, that I had no occaſion to take any more. And thanks be to God, I never had in my Life a better Appetite than both during the Time I took the Medicines and ſince; nor have I ever been heartier,

or in better Health than ſince I left off the Medicines. All which I am ready and willing, if required, to depoſe upon Oath.

*Dec.* 14, 1738. EDWARD MADDOCKES.

I was Thirty-eight Years of Age when I began the Medicines, and have not felt one Symptom of Stone or Gravel, ſince I left them off.

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## XXXII.

### Mr. RAVENELL, *in* Princes-Street, Spittle-Fields.

I Have for ſeveral Years laſt paſt, at different Times, been much afflicted with Pains round my Waſte, Pain in the Neck of the Bladder, occaſioned by a Stoppage of my Water, with frequent Provocation to make, which I could not but by dribbling and with violent Pain, bloody Water, which occaſioned my Body to Swell, my Heart to Faint, deprived me of my Appetite and Reſt; and in ſhort, of all Pleaſure and Felicity of this Life. After great Expence in endeavouring to get Relief for many Years without Succeſs, I loſt all Hopes of ever being cured; till in the utmoſt of my Extremity Mr. *Villenau*, the Surgeon, believing it was the Stone or Gravel which occaſioned theſe Fits, adviſed me to be examined by Mr. *Cheſelden*. Accordingly, as I could not walk to Mr. *Cheſelden*'s Houſe, nor bear a Coach, Mr. *Cheſelden* and Mr. *Villenau* came to my Houſe the 22d or 23d of *March*, 1738. Mr. *Cheſelden* then examined me and found a Stone in my Bladder, and ſaid I muſt be Cut, the ſooner the better. Enquiring of Mr.

*Cheſelden*, if it was not poſſible to diſſolve the Stone in the Bladder? he anſwered no; but ſaid he had heard that one Mrs. *Stephens* had a Medicine which ſhe pretended would do it, how true it was he knew not, but adviſed me to try it, wiſhing me well. Accordingly, the 27th of *March* 1738, I began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, which for the firſt Fortnight encreaſed my Pains violently, had continual Provocation to make Water but could not, but dribbling Day and Night, bloody Water with much greater Pain than ever. The third Week I grew eaſier, made foul Water with Slime, and ſome red Gravel. The fourth Week I could walk more free, and could go now and then about my Buſineſs, free from Pain. I ſtill continued as before, to take the Medicine according to Mrs. *Stephens*'s Direction; and upon the 49th Day of taking them, I had a ſudden Stoppage, (without any Pain) in the Paſſage of my Water, which ſuddenly forced its way out, ſo that I made Water free and in great Quantity. This I ſuppoſe was the Kernel of the Stone, which was waſted away and forced its way out. After this I continued to take the Medicine for a Week, but my Water was free and clear, and had no Pain at all, ſo that I left off taking them. Then Mrs. *Stephens* deſired that I ſhould be examined again by Mr. *Cheſelden*; I therefore went in a Coach to Mr. *Cheſelden* to be examined by him. This he did twice in the ſame Day, once ſtanding and once lying upon a Table, and proteſted he found no Stone; declared he thought I was certainly Cured, and was heartily glad of it. And tho' I was driven ſeveral Miles over the Stones with great ſpeed, before and after this Examination, I felt no Uneaſineſs, but on the contrary, was as well as ever I was in my Life, or can deſire to be; and ſo have continued ever ſince bleſſed be GOD. Thanks to Mrs. *Stephens*, for the Benefit I have received

ceived from her Medicines; which have not only relieved me from a long and cruel Diſtemper, but have alſo much contributed to my general State of Health.

*Dec.* 15, 1738. ABR. RAVENELL.

*P. S.* Mr. *Cheſelden* deſiring that ſome body elſe might be Witneſs, he came to me on the *Sunday* Morning following, which was the 29th of *May*, 1738, with another Gentleman, whoſe Name I know not. Mr. *Cheſelden* examined me again and declared as before, that he found no Stone. Then the other Gentleman examined me, and ſaid he found a Stone; upon which Mr. *Cheſelden* ſaid alſo that he found one. But I have had no Pains nor Complaints ſince, and can walk or go over the Stones in a Coach, without Inconvenience.

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## XXXIII.

### Mr. FORTESCUE, Farringdon, Berks.

HE has taken but one Box of Medicines. When he began, for the firſt two or three Days and Nights, he was in more than uſual Pain, and had as before, very frequent Occaſion to make Water, which was voided in very ſmall Quantities, with the utmoſt Difficulty. In a Day or two following he made more Water with leſs Pain, and voided a ſlimy, dreggy, whitiſh Matter, and ſometimes there was a gravelly Subſtance, as it were, wrapt up in ſome of the Dreggs. Some Days and Nights following, he with more Pain had frequent Calls to the Pot, and with more than ordinary Pain voided large Quantities of Sand and Gravel, which at firſt felt hard and gritty, but lying a few Hours

with the Urine became ſoft. Afterwards, *viz.* about a Fortnight ago, he was in very great Pain, and then voided two Stones of a whitiſh Colour, as big as white Peas, and of a longiſh round Make: Was then pretty eaſy for two or three Days and Nights. Since which he has had very great and almoſt intolerable Pain, and at ſeveral Times ſince voided more Stones, nearly like the former, in Number nine, and continues ſtill to be in Pain.

This Account is taken from a Letter, wrote by a Friend, to deſire more Medicines, and dated *Jan.* 30, 1738-9. And it is difficult to conceive, how hard Gravel ſhould grow ſoft in this Perſon's Urine, unleſs it had a diſſolving Power.

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## XXXIV.

Mr. HOLLAND, *late* Warder *of the* Tower. *This Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year, in the following Words.*

" HAS had Pains in the Region of the Kid-
" neys, with the voiding of ſmall Stones,
" ever ſince the Year 1721. In *Auguſt* 1734, had
" a very bad Fit, but voided no Stone after it.
" In the *October* following, found that he could
" neither bear a Coach, ride, nor Walk, without a
" great deal of Pain, and often making bloody
" Water. Had frequent Provocations to make
" Water, and made very little at a Time. He
" began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines on the third of
" laſt *October*: Upon this his Water became white,
" and had ſmall white Gravel in it, like ſcrap-
" ings

" ings of Chalk. He was in great Pain for the " firſt Month after he began the Medicines. *No-* " *vember* the fourth he was examined by the " Catheter, and a Stone was found in the " Bladder. Since this he has voided ſeveral " Scales like Egg-ſhells, white on one Side, and " brown on the other, with many white rotten Bits " of Stone. He is at preſent very eaſy, can " walk very well, and continues the Uſe of the " Medicines."

After this he voided an entire Stone as large as could well paſs, and grew free from all his Complaints, though he was driven over the Stones in a Hackney Coach, with the utmoſt Violence. He was alſo examined again by Mr. *Hawkins*, in the Preſence of Dr. *Sandys*, Dr. *Shaw*, and Mr. *Roberts*, Apothecary, in *Pall-Mall*, when a Catheter was introduced three different Times, and he was put into different Poſtures, but no Stone could be found. He died ſometime after, of an Eryſipelatous Fever in the Country, but continued free from all Calculous Complaints, to the Time of his Death. Mr. *Freke* and Mr. *Hawkins* went down, at the Deſire of Mrs. *Stephens*, in order to have opened his Body, but he was buried before they arrived at the Place.

It is much to be regretted that Mr. *Holland*'s Body was not opened; but ſtill the want of this Evidence cannot invalidate the other very ſtrong ones, which his Caſe affords in Favour of the Medicines.

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## XXXV.

### Mr. MOORE, Richmond, Surry.

ABOUT two Years ſince I was greatly Afflicted with Stone and Gravel, and took many Things for Relief but to little or no Purpoſe, upon which I applied myſelf to Mrs. *Stephens*, and took her Medicines for about three Months, which at laſt brought away two Stones, ſeeming to be waſted by the Medicine, for that they came away without much Pain; although when I firſt took the Medicine, I could barely bear the Motion of a Chariot, nor any Exerciſe in Walking, and was reduced by Pains in my Back, and in making Water, that it was troubleſome to me to walk croſs my Room. After I voided theſe Stones I became eaſy, and continued ſo for more than a Year, when I found a little Heat of Urine and Pain in making Water. I then took the Medicines again for about three Weeks, which made me eaſy, and have continued ſo to this Day.

Dated *Dec.* 8, 1738.

## XXXVI.

### Mrs. ALEXANDER, Jermyn-Street.

SHE acknowledges the having received great Benefit by Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines; ſhe had all the uſual Symptoms of the Stone both in the Kidneys and Bladder, for about a Year before ſhe took them; during which Time ſhe could not ſupport

port the Motion of a Coach, but now can bear a Journey without Pain, and is better in her general Health. She continues the Medicines, and from their paſt and preſent Conſequences, expects to find an entire Cure.

Dated *Feb.* 3, 1738-9.

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## XXXVII.

### Mr. ARMSTRONG, Belſay-Caſtle, *near* Newcaſtle *upon* Tyne. *His Caſe is contained in a Letter to me, dated* January 28, 1738-9.

I Was much Afflicted for three or four Years upon riding, ſitting late, or Drinking a little more than ordinary, and have at ſome Times obſerved, in making Water, a ſmall Quantity of Grit or Sand come away, ſometimes white and ſometimes red, which (as it only occaſioned a little ſmart for once or twice making Water) I did not much regard, till about fifteen Months before I began to take the Medicines. In that Time I had ſeveral Fits of Strangury, Forcings to go to Stool, great Pain in the Uretha or Neck of the Bladder, ſometimes ſudden Stoppage, often great Incontinency of Urine, which was very hot, and made very little at a Time: In theſe Fits it was for the moſt part Pale, at other Times high Coloured, and upon riding or much Motion, frequently Coffee-coloured, and at ſeveral Times bloody. After ſtanding a little in a Baſon, ſome Grit of a red Colour would often ſtick to the Sides, and ſome fall to the Bottom; and ſometimes I have found in the Bottom of the Pot or Baſon, after pouring out my Water, a ſmall

ſmall Quantity of clear white Sand, very ſharp and hard, but had ſeldom or never any Pain in my Back worth Notice.

I began to take the Medicines about the 10th of *October* laſt, at *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, and continued them according to Mrs. *Stephens*'s Directions, for upwards of a Month. In 24 Hours after taking, they changed my Water from a reddiſh high Colour to a white wheyiſh Colour, it was turbid at the Time of making, and depoſited a white Sediment after ſtanding, and continued ſo moſt of the Time I took the Medicines regularly. About the third Day began to come away thin white Scales in a ſoft State, and continued more or leſs almoſt every Day for ten or twelve Days. And then, after two or three Days interval, came away larger Flakes and harder than before; and toward the End of the Month ſtill more large and hard, and often with a hollow Side of a brown Colour, the round Side white as before. And amongſt theſe Flakes came away at ſometimes, chalky Pieces of Matter, ſometimes of an irregular Form and ſometimes round; about the Size of ſmall hail Shot, which for the moſt Part would crumble eaſily. I ſaved ſeveral of theſe Scales, *&c.* and Dr. *Aſkew* of *Newcaſtle* (who was ſo kind as often to viſit me) ſaw ſome of them.

I had ſome Senſations but ſeldom any great Pain during this Time, except a little before and at the Time the largeſt Pieces came away, which Pain never continued long at any one Time, nor was it ever equal to that I had often endured, before taking the Medicines. After this, while I was yet taking the Medicines, finding myſelf much eaſier, I too forwardly ventured abroad one Day in the Town; it being then cold rainy Weather, I was taken with a violent Cold, to ſuch a Degree, as obliged me to diſcontinue the Medicines for about

about a Week. After my Recovery I continued them again, and do ſtill, but with great Intermiſſions; my Occaſions requiring me to ride and go broad, which I can now do with tolerable Eaſe.

I have taken two Parcels of Medicines, each Parcel being about a Quart Bottle of Powder and twenty Balls; and have ordered a third Parcel, which I intend to take regularly, being ſenſible my Cure is not yet compleated, but conceive the Kernel of the Stone or ſome conſiderable Part of it, yet remains. But the Relief I have had, and the Succeſs of others who have taken them, give me great Encouragement to continue them; eſpecially that of Mr. *Bolton*, who has ſhewn me a great Quantity of Scales reſembling thoſe of my own, and ſeveral Pieces of Stone, with one entire one, which theſe Medicines brought away; and I think this a clear Demonſtration of their Efficacy. They agree exceeding well with my general Health, which I think is rather improved than impaired by them, having never had any ſevere Fit of the Diſorder, nor any other Illneſs, ſave the Cold abovementioned, ſince I took them.

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## XXXVIII.

Mr. GREENE, Chigwell, Eſſex. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated* February 3, 1738-9.

AFTER Riding or Walking I made bloody Water, and had frequently very ſick Fits, but never voided any Stones before taking the Medicines. My Provocations to make Water were very often, and then not above a Spoonful at a

Time, and could hardly hold to the Pot, though it ſtood by me. And after I began to take the Medicines, they were of ſo binding a Nature, I did not go to Stool for three Days, ſo that I took a Glyſter, which gave me Eaſe; and about a Fortnight after I perceived ſmall crumbly Pieces of Stone to come from me, which were ſoft and brown at firſt, but by keeping they turned whitiſh, my Pain being always in the Neck of my Bladder, and have continued mending ever ſince. I can now ride a Trot or Gallop, have no Pain, and have Reaſon to believe I am cured. And this I declare in Juſtice to Mrs. *Stephens*, and for the Good of the Public.

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## XXXIX.

Mr. PINNOCK, Wantage, Berks. *His Caſe is drawn up by Mr.* Towſey, *an* Apothecary, *at* Wantage, *and dated* Februry 4, 1738-9.

MR. *Pinnock* is a Gentleman of a ſedentary Life, greatly afflicted with a ſtrong Cholic Wind, and greatly ſubject to the Stone in his Kidneys, for more than fifteen Years laſt paſt; and has voided great Numbers of divers Shapes, Colours and Magnitudes, one or two of which are white and hard, all which I have by me now. But within five Years laſt paſt, he has had Symptoms of a Stone or Stones in his Bladder, which have continually increaſed with exquiſite Pains, though all Forms of Medicines have been directed by eminent Phyſicians, till within the Space of 18 Months, one of the Stones (for ſo it appeared) moved forwards, and cauſed an entire ſuppreſſion of

of Urine for ſome Days, attended with great Pain and Hazard of Life, but by the Aſſiſtance of ſuitable Medicines the Symptoms abated, and the Stone came away in large, white, hard Scales, about the Size of a Finger Nail, and the Thickneſs of a half Crown, and ſome ſo large as not to paſs the Urethra without the Uſe of a Forceps; all which Scales I have by me, and they make a Stone of the Bigneſs of a Pigeon's Egg. Since that he has been tolerably eaſy, though moſt Days in Pain more or leſs; but now there remains another Stone in his Bladder, and being encouraged to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, he began the Uſe of them about the Beginning of *September* laſt, and has conſtantly taken them ever ſince, though not always three Times a Day, his Stomach would not retain it ſo often. I attended him conſtantly, and found the Medicines had no Effect on the Stone till about *Chriſtmaſs* laſt, when there appeared three or four Scales exceeding thin, and ſoft, of a greyiſh Colour, about the Bigneſs of half a ſmall Finger Nail, and of that Shape; and ſo about once in five or ſix Days we found more of the ſame Sort, but no Grit nor Sand, and his Water always clear. He has this particular Advantage by the Medicines, he holds his Water much better than before.

## XL.

Mr. SMITH, Mains, *near* St. Albans. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated* February 4, 1738-9.

AS the Multitude of unhappy Sufferers, who who have been relieved by Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, firſt induced me to become her Patient,

ſo the ſame Argument prevailed with me to continue ſuch for ſixteen Months. But it is my Misfortune, that notwithſtanding I have punctually purſued the Rules and Medicines which ſhe enjoined me, the ſame Symptoms which preceeded my Compliance with her Orders, continued during the Uſe of her Medicines; nor have I found any Benefit from that Length of Time, I ſo carefully followed her Preſcriptions.

I am ſtill attended with great Pains in the Loins, a Weight and Preſſure at the Bottom of the Belly, Heat of Urine, frequent Motions to make Water, and as frequently interrupted; oftentimes a too frequent Propenſity to Stool, and upon the leaſt unuſual Exerciſe, either of walking or riding, I am ſubject to make bloody Water. When I firſt took the Medicines, I voided ſeveral ſeeming partial Surfaces of a Stone.

It appears alſo by this Gentleman's Letter to Mrs. *Stephens*, that his Water had often a thick white Sediment, and it is probable that ſome Part of this might be Stone, under an impalpable Form, provided the diſſolving Power of the medicated Urine ſhall appear from other Evidences. A real diſſolvent muſt require a different Time in different Caſes, and one cannot tell where to fix the preciſe Limits, ſo as to ſay, that becauſe a Medicine has not diſſolved the Stone entirely within a certain Time, it has therefore had no Effect at all.

XLI. RICHARD

## XLI.

RICHARD SOUTHBY, *Esq.* Carſwell, *near* Faringdon, Berks. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated* February 3, 1738-9.

WHEN I firſt applied to Dr. *Frewin*, which was laſt Summer, and acquainted him with my Caſe, by telling him I made bloody Water, either riding in a Coach far, or on Horſeback; he told me he feared I had a Stone, and adviſed my being ſearched, upon which I went to *London*, and was ſearched by Mr. *Bigg*. He told me I had a Stone, but a ſmall one, upon which I reſolved on taking the Medicine; and began it the 23d of *September*, three times a Day, and in eight or nine Weeks received perfect Eaſe. In the beginning, it brought from me a thick Matter, which when ſeparated from the Urine, was white like clouted Milk. After ſome Days it brought away ſmall Pieces of Stone of a whitiſh Colour, without much Pain, except towards the laſt, which was as I remember about ſeven Weeks End, at which Time a pretty large one, compared with the former, came away, but ſeemed to ſtop in the Paſſage, till taking my Afternoon Draught, *that* came away. It was of a reddiſh Colour, and I was quickly well; for I rode in a Coach and Horſeback perfectly eaſy, and continue ſo, with my Water of an healthy Colour.

## XLII.

### Mr. CHESHIRE, Shrewsbury.

I *Richard Cheſhire*, of the Town of *Shrewſbury*, have been afflicted with the Stone for about the Space of four Years, and frequently had my Water taken off with a Catheter, by *Peter Blakeway*, Surgeon of the ſaid Town, who made both myſelf, Son, and his Apprentice feel the ſame, and he often told me he believed it a very large one. On the 24th of *October* 1738, I being then 73 Years of Age, I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. I took them regularly three Times each Day; they made me very Sick, and I had much Difficulty to go on with them, being much afflicted with the Piles. *November* 3, my Stools began to be much whiter than uſual, and in looking into my Chamber-Pot, the Sediment in it appeared of a duſkiſh white, much reſembling Aſhes, and in a large Quantity. I then began to be in good Spirits, and had ſomewhat better Nights, than I had ſince I begun the Medicine. Upon the ſixth, there came a greater Quantity than had been any Day before, and upon the 18th there came a great Quantity (though every Time I made Water ſome came) and I began then to be very eaſy, not feeling the Weight as uſual at the Neck of my Bladder. Upon the 18th I was examined by the ſaid *Peter Blakeway*, and on *December* the third, and he could not find any Stone. I finiſhed my Medicines on the 27th of *November*; and at the Writing of this I can make Water as well as I ever could, and Sleep, and have all the Functions of Life, as well as any Man of my Age.

RICHARD CHESHIRE.

## XLIII.

Mr. NEAU, Compton-Street, St. Ann's. *His Caſe was publiſh'd laſt Year, in the following Words.*

"HAS had the Symptoms of a Stone in the "Bladder for about ſix Years: Was examin- "ed ſoon after the Appearance of theſe Symptoms "by the Catheter, and a Stone found in the "Bladder. Had great Pain and Difficulty in "making Water; a ſudden Stoppage often, Force- "ings to go to Stool; and made bloody Water "upon Motion. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medi- "cines upon the fifteenth of laſt *September*. He "was examined by the Catheter on the Twenty- "ſeventh of *October*, and a Stone was found in "the Bladder. Upon taking the Medicines his "Water became turbid at the Time of making, "and he has voided ſeveral white Shells in ſo ſoft "a State, as to crumble eaſily, with one large "irregular Stone. He voided a large Stone and "ſeveral Shells before he took the Medicines, but "they were all brown and very hard. He has now "very few Complaints, is able to go over the "Stones in a Coach, without Inconvenience, and "continues the Uſe of the Medicines."

He takes the Medicines ſtill, though not in full Quantity and with ſome Intermiſſions, can walk, and bear a Coach without Inconvenience, and is much better upon the Whole, but not quite well.

XLIV. Mr.

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### Mr. SIMMONS, Oſpringe, *near* Feverſham, Kent.

ABOUT *Chriſtmas* 1735, I began to be troubled with a Stoppage in my Urine, which grew worſe and worſe, with an Ulcer; till laſt Spring was Twelve-month I was ſo bad I knew not what Courſe to take. I wanted to make Water ſome Days ten, twenty, thirty or forty Times a Day or more, with abundance of Pain, and ſometimes did not make above half a Spoonful, and ſometimes a Spoonful, and ſometimes but ſome few Drops, and that with abundance of Pain indeed.

This continued till *May* 1737; then I went to *London* to ſeek for Eaſe. I began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the 13th of *May*, 1737. I ſtaid in *London* till the 17th of *June* 1737, then came home and kept taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines very regularly, and I grew better and better every Day, till I left off taking the Medicines, which I did in *January* laſt, when I was as well as any Body, I thank GOD for it.

When I went to *London* I could not ride in any Waggon or Cart, nor on Horſeback, only a foot Pace, as ſoftly as Foot could fall. I can now ride in any Waggon, Cart, and on Horſeback, any Pace, with as much Pleaſure as ever I did. I cannot ſay but my Back has grove now and then with a ſmall Pain, which it did now and then twenty Years ago. I have taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines twice ſince *January*; once for about a Month, and the other Time for about a Fortnight. I

now

now am well: I can and do ride, and go about my Buſineſs as well as any Body.

*Nov.* 22, 1738. JOHN SIMMONS.

It appears alſo, by this Gentleman's Letters to Mrs. *Stephens*, that during the Uſe of the Medicines he had the thick Water often, and that he twice imagined ſomething to be voided by the Urethra, while at Stool; the firſt Time he had conſiderable Pain in the Urethra for a quarter of an Hour after, but none the ſecond. He has likewiſe voided a ſmall Stone or two this laſt Summer; and he told me in *June* 1737, that he had often voided ſmall Stones before he began the Medicines, and that he uſed to make bloody Water upon Motion.

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## XLV.

Mr. SNAPE, *late of* Panton-Street. *His Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year, in the following Words.*

" ABOUT three Years ago he began to have " a Pain in making Water, made little " at a Time, and had a Provocation to it every " quarter of an Hour. Had violent Forcings to " go to Stool at the ſame Time; made bloody " Water upon much Motion. In the End of the " Year 1735, after having taken ſome lenitive " Electuary, he voided many ſmall Stones in a " hard State, but received no Relief thereby. " In *April* 1736, he began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medi- " cines: Upon the Uſe of theſe he grew much " eaſier, his Water became turbid at the Time " of making, and he voided a great Number

" of ſmall Stones in a ſoft State, which by their " Corners ſeemed to have been Pieces of larger. " He took the Medicines for about a Year, and " has been perfectly well ever ſince he left them " off."

He continued perfectly well till *Sunday December* 25, 1738, and then was ſeized early in the Morning with violent Pains in his Back, Vomitings, and a ſuppreſſion of Urine. Dr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Hawkins* and I attended him, he was blooded twice, had ſeveral Glyſters, was ſet upon his Head and ſhaken, took a few of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines and ſome Cantharides, and Mr. *Hawkins* paſſed the Catheter, into his Bladder, all without Effect. The warm Bath, with the Motion of a Hackney Coach, were alſo propoſed, but he did not comply with the Propoſal. He was almoſt 74 Years old, grew extremely weak in a ſhort Time, and died the *Friday* following; not having parted with any Water all the Time. I could not get Leave to have his Body opened.

Here it appears, that the Stoppage was above the Bladder, and yet all Mr. *Snape*'s former Complaints were in his Bladder, were all entirely removed by the Medicines, and never returned. However it ought to be obſerved, that he had ſtill a white Sediment in his Urine when he left them off, and that Mrs. *Stephens* then adviſed him to take them ſome Time longer upon that Account; which alſo he had oftentimes reſolved to do, but never did. And it ſeems to me, if theſe Medicines be ſuppoſed to have a diſſolving Power, that a fatal ſuppreſſion can hardly happen during the Uſe of them, but that it is hazardous not to take them, where there are ſuſpicions of Stones in the Kidneys. How far the turbid wheyiſh Water and thick white Sediment, in

thoſe that take them, are Proofs of a Stone ſomewhere in the Urinary Paſſages, I am not yet ſatisfied; but from what has come to my Knowledge hitherto, I am inclined to believe them probable Evidences, and that they certainly contain more or leſs of the Stone, in an impalpable Form, where there is one.

## XLVI.

### Mr. HILL, Brew-Houſe, *oppoſite to* Gray's-Inn *Gardens*.

HE ſays, that beſides the uſual Symptoms of a Stone, he has had an Ulcer in his Bladder ſome Time, which (being withal very Aged) has brought him exceeding low. He took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines three Months, but not finding them anſwer his Expectations, he grew tired and left them off.

## XLVII.

### Mr. STILES, Duke-Street, York-Buildings, *near the* Strand.

HAD great Pain, Difficulty and Incontinence of Urine. Made bloody Water upon Motion. Had the Senſation of a Weight in the Region of the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for about five Months. His Water was thick upon this, but he voided no Stones, or Pieces of Stones. Grew free from his Complaints, and has continued ſo ever ſince he left off the Medi-

cines, which is more than half a Year. He had voided ſeveral Stones before he took them.

*Feb.* 7, 1738-9.

## XLVIII.

### Mr. JOHNSON, Round-Court, *near the* Strand.

HAS had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder for 15 Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *May*, 1738. He has continued them ever ſince, excepting for one Interval of three Months, but cannot always take the full Quantity. They have made him eaſier upon the whole, but his Fits of the Stone are more ſevere: He has voided no Stones, or Pieces of Stone. His Water is turbid at the Time of making, and has a white Sediment.

*Feb*, 7, 1738-9.

## XLIX.

### Mr. BULL, *at the* Golden-Ball, *in* St. Paul's Church-Yard.

BEGAN about three Years ago to be troubled with ſtoppage of Urine, and Pain in the *Glans Penis*, and ſoon after he made bloody Water upon any extraordinary Motion. This was followed by an almoſt conſtant Provocation to make Water, and with ſo much Pain and Difficulty, that he was reduced to a very weak and low Condition. He never brought away any Stones or Gravel, before he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. He began

began theſe in *May* 1737, and continued them pretty regularly ſome few Months; in which Time he brought away a great Quantity of Slime with ſome Scales, and became ſo eaſy and well as to go about with great Alacrity, and laſt Summer went ſeveral Journeys into the Country. He is not yet quite well, but ſo much engaged in Buſineſs, that he cannot take the Medicines conſtantly; but whenever he finds any the leaſt Pain he takes a Powder or two, ſometimes not more than two or three in a Week, and always finds preſent Eaſe. He ſays, that if he had Time to take the Medicines as he ought, he is ſure they would perfectly Cure him of the Stone.

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## L.

### Mr. FENN, *at a* Cheeſemongers, *near* Exeter-Exchange, *in the* Strand.

HAD been in an ill State of Health for ſeveral Months, but with ſuch ſort of Symptoms as gave but little Suſpicion of a Stone in the Bladder. However, in the beginning of *September* laſt, he was examined by Mr. *Cheſelden*, who ſaid he found a Stone in the Bladder; but on Account of his great Age (which is near Seventy) and ill Health in other Reſpects, would not adviſe him to be Cut. He then began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and though not able to take them ſo often in a Day as required, yet finds himſelf much better in every Reſpect.

## LI.

### Mr. BARNET *in* Red-Lion-Street.

WAS troubled with exceſſive Pains in the Back, ſtoppage of Urine, and great ſwelling of the Belly. Continued very bad, almoſt incapable of following his Buſineſs for upwards of a Twelve-month. Was often confined with a violent Fit of Pain and ſwelling for a Fortnight at a Time. He began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powder about ſeven Years ago. He took it ſometimes twice, and ſometimes three Times a-Day, with ſome Intermiſſions, for about ten Months; in which Time he voided a great Number of ſmall Stones, with one large Oblong Stone of a whitiſh Colour; and has been perfectly free from every Complaint of that Kind ever ſince.

## LII.

### The Hon. DIXIE WINDSOR, *Eſq*; Brook-End *near* Potton, Bedfordſhire.

IN *Auguſt* 1736, and ever ſince I have made bloody Urine on riding a trotting Horſe, going in a Coach over the Stones, or upon much Walking; and have been greatly afflicted with Strangury and violent Pains at making Water, and have had other common Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. In *July* 1737, I was twice examined with the Catheter by a Surgeon, who felt either Gravel or Stone the firſt Time, but ſaid he could not be poſitive. Upon his ſecond Trial he could perceive nothing, and upon

upon the whole declined giving any Opinion at all. In *January* 1737-8, I parted with two Stones at the ſame Inſtant, without much Pain, one very hard, a little yellowiſh, with five flat Sides; the other round with a white Coat, and not ſo hard, each of them near as big as a Horſe-Bean, but my Pains were not leſſened by theſe Stones coming away. On *May* 14, 1738, I was ſearched again, now by the Finger in *Ano*, and two Stones were found, the larger about the Size of an Hazel-Nut. Having drank honey'd Water, or the Almond Emulſion, every Day for above a Twelve-Month, with but little Eaſe from Strangury Pains, I this Day began taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines; and continued to do ſo regularly for ſix Weeks, and then came into the Country. While I was in Town, and indeed ever ſince, when I have exactly followed Mrs. *Stephens*'s Directions, I have been much freer from Pain than I was before I entered upon her Courſe; but ſoon after I came hither, my Body and Legs ſwelled very much, and I was exceeding Lethargic, and otherwiſe indiſpoſed; which made me for a Time lay aſide the Medicines, and I have never been ſo regular in taking them ſince. However, having lately parted with ſome Bits like Shells of a Stone, and my Health in general being better than it was, I am reſolved to go on with the Medicines in hopes of being cured at laſt.

Brook-End *Feb.* 4, 1738-9.

D. WINDSOR.

LIII. Mr.

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### Mr. Bromley, Holles-Street, near Clare-Market.

BEGAN about fifteen Years ago (being then Forty-five Years of Age) to find Symptoms of the Stone both of the Kidneys and Bladder, *viz.* violent Pains in the Back, frequent ſtoppage of Urine, Pain in the *Glans Penis*, and bloody Water upon Motion. In the Courſe of ſome Years, he voided a great Number of ſmall Stones about the Size of Tares. In the Year 1730, he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powder twice a Day for about ſix Months, in all which Time he voided no Stone; but his Water had always a thick Sediment. When he had taken the Medicine thus long, not finding it anſwer his Expectation, he left it entirely off, and about two Months after, *viz.* in *March* 1730, was cut in St. *Thomas*'s Hoſpital by Mr. *Cheſelden*, and had a Stone taken out of his Bladder, weighing about an Ounce and a Half, of a flat Shape, rough and granulated on the Surface. He continued well about four Years and a Half, then began to find the ſame Symptoms as before, and in *May* 1738, was cut a 2d Time by Mr. *Cheſelden*, at the Infirmary in *Weſtminſter*, who took out a Stone weighing about an Ounce.

## LIV.

### Mr. WHITAKER, Burchbury *near* Ingatſton, Eſſex.

SOME Years ſince I voided a Stone half an Inch long, full as big as a Tobacco-Pipe, of a mix'd Colour, white and brown, and very ragged. After that I was eaſy for ſome Time. About five Years before I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders, I could not Ride nor Walk without much Pain, and a Motion to make Water very often, with a Pain in my Limbs. I never voided any Stone or Gravel by taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders, but obſerved my Water to be white and thick, which before uſed to be clear. I find myſelf moſt eaſy when my Water is thick. The Powder has not had the deſired Effect upon me; I have moſt violent Fits ſometimes for three or four Days and Nights with a continual Motion to make Water, and as often to Stool, which is the greater Pain of the two.

*Feb.* 6, 1738-9. J. WHITAKER.

*He continues the Powders.*

## LV.

### *The Rev.* Dr. SHIPPEN, *Principal of* Brazen-Noſe *College*, Oxford.

ABOUT two Years ago, upon any Motion, for an Hour, tho' ever ſo ſlow, either on Foot or Horſe-back, I made bloody Water with ſome ſmall Pain. I applied to ſeveral of the moſt eminent Phyſicians and Surgeons, who on a Conſultation

ſultation were unanimous in their Opinions, that I had a Stone in the Kidney. They preſcribed ſome emollient and lubricating Medicines, which I took half a Year without Relief. I then begun to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, *April* 27, 1737. The firſt Fortnight they increaſed my Pain, which Effect ſhe informed me, they uſually had upon her Patients, but afterwards they gave me no more Pain, tho' I conſtantly took them according to her Direction till the middle of *January* following. Ever ſince that Time I have been very eaſy, and can bear a Coach in *London* Streets, or ride a trotting Horſe without any Inconvenience, and have had no Return of my Diſorder.

*Oct.* 2, 1738. ROBERT SHIPPEN.

And in a Letter dated *Feb.* 5, 1738-9, he ſays, that ſometime ago he had a Difficulty of making Water in the Night, but no Pain; has much red Sediment or Mucus in his Urine, and voids a great deal of red Gravel bigger than Pins Heads upon riding.

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## LVI.

### Major MAITLAND, Wakefield, Yorkſhire.

*To* Mrs. STEPHENS.

MADAM, Wakefield, *Feb.* 5, 1738-9.

ON the fourth Day after I began to take your Medicines, I found a Stoppage of Urine about 11 in the Morning, which continued about four Hours, after which the Water forced a Paſſage, and brought away a good deal of Sand and Grit. I continued the Medicines notwithſtanding, but was ſurprized the next Day, with the ſame Circumſtance,

cumſtance, which was likewiſe attended with the ſame Conſequence. But the Day following, I had a total Suppreſſion of Urine for fifteen Hours, which occaſioned the moſt racking Tortures, and brought on a Fever: But our Surgeon's Skill and Care (with God's great Mercy) brought me thro' it. The Neck of the Bladder was quite choak'd up with cruſted Sand, *&c.* which cauſed ſuch an Inflammation, that the Catheter could not be introduced into it; but warm Broths, a Turpentine Gliſter, and proper Draughts, taken internally, relieved me perfectly, and I have now none of the Symptoms which induced me to take the Medicines. I make Water freely, and am now of Opinion that I have no Stone, tho' perhaps it might in Time have come to that. I ſhall therefore leave off the Medicines, till I ſee farther into the Matter, notwithſtanding I have frequently a great Quantity of red Gravel, which comes kindly away; but in my Life I never had a Fit of the Stone, or any other Symptoms, but what I firſt acquainted you with, *viz.* a frequent Irritation to make Water, with ſome Heat in its paſſing, which I ſuppoſe now to have been entirely owing to that encruſted Sand and Grit, which I bleſs God for it is now carried off.

*I am,*

*Your very humble Servant*

JOHN MAITLAND.

I ſhould be glad to have your Opinion of this Affair.

## LVII.

### Mr. DENNISON, Leeds, Yorkſhire.

WAS afflicted with Gravel for eighteen Months before he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, in which Time, if he uſed any Exerciſe of riding or walking, it made his Water almoſt of the Colour of Coffee. But upon taking the Medicines, that Symptom ceaſed in three Months Time, and he begun to enjoy Eaſe and Health. He has taken the Medicines conſtantly for ten Months, ending about *Chriſtmas* laſt, during which Time he had ſome very ſevere Fits, which confined him to his Bed for a Day or two, but as he parted with Gravel he recovered. This Gravel was ſometimes red, hard and as large as a Wheat Corn, at other Times red, and as ſmall as the fineſt Sand. He has ſtill ſome ſlight Pains and a Fulneſs in his Kidneys.

This Account is taken from a Letter dated *Feb.* 5, 1738-9. By his other Letters it appears that he voided the red Gravel above-mentioned, before he took the Medicines, and he does not ſay in them that he voided any Thing of this Kind, during the Uſe of the Medicines, except once ſome gritty Slime.

## LVIII.

### Mr. SELBY, Pimperne, *near* Blandford, Dorſetſhire.

I *George Selby*, Huſbandman, Aged 70, have been afflicted with the Stone upwards of three Years, which entirely deprived me of the Benefit of my Labour, inſomuch that I could not walk, and for the greateſt Part of the Time have been in ſuch Miſery, that I have often deſired my Friends to put an End to my Life, rather than live in ſuch Torment. But hearing of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, I deſired a Friend of mine to procure me ſome, which I have taken about twenty Weeks, according to her Direction, and which by the Bleſſing of GOD, has eaſed me of my Pain, and recovered my Strength, inſomuch that I am able to Threſh, and do the reſt of my Buſineſs as well as moſt Men of my Age.

*Witneſs my Hand*,

*Feb.* 4, 1738-9.

GEORGE SELBY.

Mr. *Pitt*, the Gentleman who ſent this Certificate, mentions withal, that before he took the Medicines he had frequently voided ſmall Stones, as hard as any Stone; but ſince, he has voided ſmall Stones and Scales of Stone, that would turn to a ſort of brown Earth as ſoon as ſqueezed between the Fingers; alſo that he had a very great Settlement in his Water of a white Colour, but a gritty Subſtance, but now has very little and makes Water freely; ſo ſo that he takes the Medicine but once a Day, and ſometimes but once in two Days.

## LIX.

*The Hon.* Mrs. POYNTZ, *at* St. James's Palace.

WAS Afflicted with the Stone of the Kidneys for ſeveral Years, and reduced by it to a very bad State of Health, being alſo obliged to take Opiates in ſuch Quantities, as were very prejudicial to her. Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines have removed her Pains, and ſhe is in perfect Health in other Reſpects.

## LX.

Mrs. FROWLIN, *at* St. James's Palace.

HAS taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and received very great Benefit from them in the Stone of the Kidneys.

## LXI.

Mr. SCATE, Verger *of* St. Paul's.

HAS been troubled with the Stone ſeveral Years. About two Years ago took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for eight Weeks; has brought away a great Number of ſmall Stones and ſome Scales, but continues to have the ſame Symptoms as before.

## LXII.

### Mr. DRAPER, *a* Cheeſemonger, *in* Shoe-Lane, Fleet-Street.

ABOUT four Years ago began to be troubled with Pain in the Back, Thighs, and Calves of the Legs, attended with an Uneaſineſs after making Water, and uſed to void great Quantities of red Gravel. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *May* 1737, took them regularly three Times a Day, for a whole Year, voided no red Gravel in all that Time, but his Water had always a thick whitiſh Sediment. Soon after he left off the Medicines, he found exactly the ſame Symptoms, as before he began them.

## LXIII.

### Mrs. JEFKINS, *in* High-Street, *near* St. Giles's Pound.

BEGAN in *July* 1736, to be troubled with violent Pains in the Back, Belly and Thighs, with frequent ſtoppage of Urine; and being under a general ill State of Health, was with extremity of Pain and loſs of Appetite together, reduced to ſo weak a Condition, as not to be able to walk about in her Room. She began the Medicines in *April* 1737, and in a Fortnight's Time found her Appetite conſiderably improved, and ſoon after her Strength increaſed a-pace. She continued the Medicines conſtantly for 15 Months, her Water all the Time depoſiting a thick Sediment, which dried into a browniſh earthy Subſtance. She is now

now perfectly well, excepting some small Sensation of Pain in the Back, upon taking a very long Walk, or using any violent Exercise; and whenever she finds the least Uneasiness, is sure of present Relief, by taking two or three Doses of the Medicines.

## LXIV.

### Mr. Brotherton, Eccleston, *near* Prescott, Lancashire.

Has had Pain and Stoppage in making Water for more than four Years, with the Discharge of Gravel and Stones. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for six Weeks, voided white soft Scales and small Pieces of Stone, and has received some Relief.

## LXV.

### Thomas Roberts, Esq. *at* Wardley, *near* Uppingham, Rutlandshire.

Twenty-years ago and upwards, I used to be frequently Afflicted with intolerable Pain in my left Kidney, and so continued till within ten Years of this Time, which Pains would hold me sometimes ten or twelve Hours, and when they ceased, there generally followed a pretty large Stone of a reddish Colour like Gravel congealed. Sometime after these violent Fits left me, (which is now about nine or ten Years) my present Complaints came on, which seem to me to be chiefly in the Bladder, and affect me chiefly in making Water,

Water, by ſharp Pieces of Stones preſſing forward and obſtructing it; Pieces of various Shapes often coming away with great Pain, ſome of them thin and Angular, like broken Nut-ſhells, and ſome of a larger Size and different Forms. If they happened to come in a right Poſition, they would ſlip away more eaſily.

I am ſtill ſenſible of ſome Pains in the Kidney, but not violent like the former. I ſhall add this farther, that of late Years upon Motion, either on Foot or Horſeback, my Urine has been always bloody, which I ſuppoſe to be occaſioned by the working backwards and forwards of thoſe ſharp Pieces, which muſt neceſſarily tear the Veſſels.

Since my taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines I muſt own that I am much eaſier, not ſo apt to have bloody Urine, nor ſo much Pain in making Water, and can retain it much longer. But I have had very few Pieces come away, and thoſe but ſmall. Some, upon touching them, would fall to Powder, others retain their Hardneſs. Though I I cannot ſay I am quite well yet, (Thanks be to God) I am much better, and if I continue ſo ſhall think myſelf very happy; doubting that I muſt not expect to be better, by Reaſon of my Age, which is 69; and I am ſometimes troubled with the Gout in the extreme Parts, but have not had a Fit ſince I began the Medicines, which is now four Months. I ſtill keep taking them; they are rather Purging than otherwiſe. Since I had the laſt Parcel, I have taken but two Doſes a Day, by Reaſon of the ſhortneſs of the Days.

*Feb.* 7, 1738-9.

THOMAS ROBERTS.

## LXVI.

Maſter WYNNE, *Son to* Robert Wynne, Eſq. *of* Plaſnewidd, *in* Denbighſhire. *His Caſe is contained in a Letter to Mr.* Harding, Bookſeller, *in* St. Martin's-Lane, *dated January* 16, 1738-9.

SIR,

ACtuated by a Principle of Juſtice, and a tender Regard to the Welfare of my Fellow Creatures, I do purſuant to a fair Advertiſement, that deſired no Favour, but a juſt Account of the Good or Hurt received from Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, certify in my Son's Behalf, (an Infant of Sixteen) that he has for a conſiderable Time, in Schools pretty diſtant from us, laboured under urinary Complaints; that he had ſudden and frequent Calls to Urine, made little at a Time, and that in great Pain, with Obſtruction and Sharpneſs at the End of the *Penis*; that ſometimes a *Teneſmus* attended theſe Complaints; that he had quite loſt both his Appetite and Sleep, having been long afflicted with frequent and violent Head-achs; that in ſhort, he was reduced to very great Weakneſs, become lean, languid and Spiritleſs, walking moſtly as we obſerved on his Tip-toes, and ſtooping with an aukward Difficulty.

Under theſe melancholy and perplexing Circumſtances, I applied, by a Friend, to the Doctors *Hulſe*, *Shaw* and *Perrot Williams*, for their Opinion on my Son's Caſe drawn at length, who were unanimous, in thinking his Complaints proceeded from a Stone in the Bladder.

Theſe

Theſe Gentlemen adviſed the Catheter, but being averſe to ſubmit to an Operation, attended with uncertainty as well as Pain, I choſe rather to make a Tryal of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines (who appeared to me in a quite oppoſite Light to Quacks, as ſhe ſeemed deſirous to diſcover her Secret, even *gratis*, if it did not anſwer the End propoſed, and thereby conſequently to looſe her preſent Gains) which my Son began the 24th of *May* laſt. By the Uſe of theſe he ſoon recovered his loſt Appetite and Sleep, his Bowels became ſoon eaſy and ſettled, his violent and tormenting Head-aches were removed; he was obſerved in a ſhort Time to tread firm and ſtrong, and I bleſs God, is now more lively and fleſhy than we ever remember him to have been before.

But to be more particular in the Progreſs of this Remedy. My Son, in the beginning of his Courſe, voided very ſmall glittering Sand in a very little Quantity, as alſo ſome Matter of Subſtance, of a white and red Colour, very like Mortar taken out of a Wall; but neither of theſe have been often repeated, nor at any Time ſince. But his Urine has all along had a conſtant Sediment (appearing whilſt in the Pot, not unlike what it was, before the Medicine was begun upon) which we now filtre, and when dried it has a whitiſh Caſt; ſometimes gritty, and ſometimes not perceivably ſo; very much like Powder, or dried and crumbled Paſte; making as white an Impreſſion as Chalk does, when applied that way. His Pain and Hurry before, at, and after Water, are ſo much decreaſed, that though they were almoſt conſtant, I may ſay they are now for the moſt Part vaniſhed; and that in ſo gradual a Manner, that the extremeſt Pains abated in all Urines, pretty early in the Progreſs; next to this his Day Water became eaſy, that in the Morning remaining painful. Now he has Pains not conſtantly in

his firſt Mornings Water, but is often free, and at other Mornings ſomething uneaſy.

His Water, I muſt confeſs, continues ſtill cloudy, after ſtanding a while in the Pot, and while this Symptom abides, and any little Pain at any Water, I am not to think him abſolutely Cured, though in every other Reſpect, as Healthy as any Child, in all Appearances, whatſoever: Still I have ſtrong Hopes of his perfect Recovery, in GOD's good Time, as the Malady has been leſſened by Degrees. And as his Complaints were various, and his Condition weak at the beginning, I am thoroughly ſatisfied this Medicine is wholeſom and ſafe in general, and Time has given it Sanction, by obſerving no Inconvenience from it, for he has not been at all Sick after taking it; which with the length of Time he has been at it, has given me ſome private Uneaſineſs, as doubting whether his Caſe was the Stone. For I found moſt had been Cured in leſs Time, and almoſt every Body Sick after taking the Medicine, towards the Beginning. In this I am comforted, that the Difference proceeds from the Nature or Make of the Stone; and as his is ſuppoſed to be ſmooth, the Medicine will ſometimes operate in this Manner, without any Sickneſs at all in the Beginning.

*I am, SIR,*

*Your unknown Humble Servant,*

ROBERT WYNNE.

LXVII. Lady

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### Lady BLOMBERG, *in* Arlington-Street.

HER Ladyſhip has been afflicted with the Stone for ſome Years, has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for about one Year, and ſtill continues to take them. But her Stomach will not bear them ever in full Quantity, and ſometimes not at all. She is rather more uneaſy as to her Complaints than when ſhe began.

## LXVIII.

### Mrs. WILLIAMS *at the* Bell, *over-againſt* Charles-Court *in the* Strand.

HAD a violent Fit of Pain in the Back, which laſted twelve Days together. She then began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Pills, and at the End of three Days brought away a great deal of red Gravel and thick Sediment in the Water. She took the Pills for three Weeks only, and became very eaſy.

## LXIX.

### Mr. SMITH, *at the* Bunch *of* Grapes *in* Covent-Garden *Market*.

WAS troubled with Pain in the Back, and Difficulty of making Water for ſome Months, and brought away a good Deal of red Gravel and one ſmall Stone. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about

bout eight Weeks. His Water had a thick heavy Sediment all the Time, he left them off about two Years ago, and has been perfectly easy ever since.

## LXX.

### Mr. HARRIS, *over-against* Somerset-House *in the* Strand.

HAS been troubled with Pain of the Back, and frequent Stoppage of Urine for about eight Years. Used to void small Stones, and after violent Motion to make bloody Water. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *September*, 1736, and continued them almost a Year, during which Time he voided no Stones, but a great Number of Scales, and a great Deal of thick heavy Sediment. Six Weeks after he left off the Medicines, he began to void small Stones as before.

## LXXI.

### Mr. LONDON, *at the* Golden-Spectacles, *over-against* Somerset-House.

AGED Seventy-seven, has been troubled with Pain in the Back, and stoppage of Urine for about three Years. For the last three Months before he entered into a Course of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, he constantly made bloody Water, and often brought away a great deal of a blackish ropy Slime. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the Latter-end of last *May*. They agreed very well with him, and in less than a Fortnight his Water became free from Blood and Slime, but had a thick heavy

heavy Sediment. He continues the Medicines, and is perfectly easy, having neither Pain nor Stoppage, and can walk six or seven Miles without any Inconvenience.

## LXXII.

### Mrs. Beck, *in* Clare-market.

About four Years ago was constantly troubled with violent Pain in the Back and Belly. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about four Months. Brought away a good deal of Gravel and became very easy.

## LXXIII.

### Mrs. Fletcher, *next Door to the* Kings-Arms *in* Wild-Street,

Was troubled with Pain in the Back. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about eight Weeks, brought away some Gravel and thick Sediment in the Urine, and became very easy.

## LXXIV.

### Mr. Salisbury, *near the* New-Church *in the* Strand.

Was troubled with Pain in the Back and stoppage of Urine for seven or eight Years. About two Years ago he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for six Weeks, brought away a great Number

ber of ſmall Stones, and much thick heavy Sediment, and became very eaſy.

## LXXV.

### *The Rev.* Mr. WRENCH *near* Norwich.

IN Summer 1736, began to be ſenſible of great Incontinency of Urine, which continued upon him till the Autumn following; then upon taking a Journey, found an Uneaſineſs in his Bladder, and made bloody Water. Voided a flat ſmooth Stone as large as a Rouncival Pea, and after that at different Times about Thirty more of a ſmaller Size. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *Auguſt* 1737. They increaſed his Pains much, ſo as to put him two or three Times into a Fever. His Urine came out of a Chalky Colour, and had a great Sediment; he had a total Suppreſſion now and then, and not finding the deſired Succeſs he left them off, after having taken them for about three Months. He was examined both with the Catheter and *per Anum* before he took the Medicines, but no Stone could be found. The Neck of the Bladder was hard and ſwelled. He was examined again with the Catheter after he had taken the Medicines, but neither was there any Stone found then.

## LXXVI.

Mr. BOLTON, *of* Newcaſtle *upon* Tyne. *His Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year in a Letter to me, which is as follows* ;

*SIR*,

" TOWARDS the latter Part of my Life, " when in my Fiftieth Year, about 1720, I " was ſore pained with the Stone, until I voided a " large one ; at ſeveral Times ſince about a Dozen ; " Part came away after a little riding, and then I " made Water like Coffee : But I imagine, one of " the largeſt might ſtay behind ; for in 1735 I be- " gan to be greatly afflicted ; could not endure to " ride, or bear a Coach : When I have been making " Water, it often ſtopped on a ſudden, cauſing " much Pain ; and no Perſon in the Country could " give Relief, tho' I took many odd Things. " Reading the Papers, I obſerved, ſome Specificks " for the Stone were advertized, one a Powder, the " other a Liquid : I got 'em and tried each ; but " was not able to go thro' with either of them ; be- " ing of a forcing Nature, increaſed my Pain : " Then was adviſed to ſmooth palliating Medicines, " yet Pain ſtill continued, and exceſſive ; made me " begin to think of coming up to *London* to be cut, " if it might be ſafely done at my Age : At that " Time the News informed us, that the Biſhop of " *Bath* and *Wells* and others were cured by taking " Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines : I was then more in- " clinable to come : When I ſet out my Thoughts " were to undergo the manual Operation, and had " wrote to Mr. *Cheſelden* about it : When I arrived " in *London*, and conſulted with ſome Friends, it

" was thought, as I was in my 68th Year, the " ſafeſt Way to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines; " and accordingly on the 18th of *July*, 1737, I " began with them, taking Three Powders, and " Three half Pints of Liquid every Day: What " Effect, and how they did operate, you will ſee " by the following Diary, which I kept as exactly " as I could, conſidering the Pain I had by Times; " which yet prompted me to keep ſtrictly to the " Medicines, believing, that by ſo doing, I ſhould " the ſooner be made eaſy, and took the Liquid " four Times a Day for ſome Weeks.

*A* DIARY, *as I took the Medicines.*

1737.

" *July* 18. Began to take Three Powders, Three " half Pints of a Liquid, Three Times " a Day.

" 19. The ſame.

" 20. The ſame. Brought away a ſlimy " mucous Matter into the Pot; much " Pain.

" 21. Continued to bring ſuch Stuff away; " great Pain.

" 22. The ſame.
" 23. The ſame.
" 24. The ſame.
" 25. Foul Water.
" 26. Thick Water. } I was in great Pain
" 27. Foul Water. } all this Time,
" 28. The ſame.
" 29. The ſame.
" 30. The ſame.
" 31. Water clearer.

" which made me ſend to Mrs. *Stephens*, who an- " ſwered, I muſt have Patience, and begin to try " Four half Pints a Day.

" *Aug.* 1.

" *Aug.* 1. Water not so foul. I began with four
" half Pints, continuing the three
" Powders.
" 2. The same.
" 3. Water clearer.
" 4. Made much Water, and clear.
" 5. The same.
" 6. Less Water, and slimy Matter.
" 7. The same.
" 8. Water a little foul.
" 9. The same.
" 10. Water foul and whitish; much Pain.
" 11. Water whitish, and very great Pain
" when I made Water.
" 12. Water not clear, and great Pain.
" 13. Water slimy, with a white Sediment,
" very great Pain.
" 14. Clearer, with a little Sediment, but
" grievous Pain.

All this Time easier than before.

" *Above are Twenty-eight Days, in which Time the*
" *Medicines took little Effect, and much Pain almost*
" *every Day.*

" 15. Water a little foul, some Sediment;
" very grievous Pain.
" 16. Water clearer, some white Sediment;
" most cruel Pain.
" 17. Water foul, a slimy Sediment; very
" great Pain.
" 18. Water the same; very great Pain.
" 19. Water the same; great Pain.
" 20. Water slimy, with Sediment; sore Pain.
" 21. Water the same; very grievous Pain.
" It was so intolerable, I sent for
" Mrs. *Stephens*, to acquaint her, I
" was not able to endure: She said, I
" must have Patience, I should in
" a little Time be easier; and I
" might take an Opiate to make me

" reſt in the Night, and forbear to
" take the fourth half Pint, ſuppoſing
" it might be too hard upon me.

" *Aug.* 22. Water foul, with a ſlimy Sediment;
" great and grievous Pain: I began
" to filter it.

" 23. Water foul, as Yeſterday; this Night
" violent Pain.

" 24. Water, as Yeſterday, with great Pain.

" 25. Something foul, a little Sediment; very
" cruel Pain all this Night.

" 26. High-coloured, little Sediment; great
" Pain.

" 27. A Stoppage ſometimes, high coloured;
" great Pain.

" 28. A Difficulty to Urine, a little Sedi-
" ment; very great Pain.

" 29. A Stoppage, little Sediment; great
" Pain in making Water.

" 30. As Yeſterday.

" 31. A Stoppage, great Pain when I made
" Water, and continued.

" *Sept.* 1. Thick Water, high-coloured; exceſſive
" Pain this Night.

" 2. Thick Water, a Stoppage; great Pain.

" 3. High-coloured, a Sediment, and much
Pain.

" 4. The ſame, with great Pain.

" 5. A Stoppage ſometimes, high-coloured;
" great Pain at making Water.

" 6. High-coloured, a Sediment, with very
great Pain.

" 7. Made little Water, but with Pain; an
" eaſier Night.

" 8. Made little Water, Pain in making,
" but eaſier To-day than a great while
" before.

" *Sept.* 9.

" *Sept.* 9. Water clear, no Sediment, Pain much
" abated.
" 10. Made more Water, and clear, pretty
" eaſy this Day and Night.
" 11. Made much Water, and clear, pretty
" eaſy, little Pain. This Night made
" a larger Quantity of Water, little
" Pain.
" 12. Clear Water, no Sediment, not much
" Pain. Night the ſame.
" 13. Water a little foul, and ſome Pain.
" Night the ſame.
" 14. Water more foul, a Sediment, with
" more Pain. Night a Stoppage,
" little Water, and foul with a Sedi-
" ment.
" 15. Came foul, and a Sediment, with ſome
" Pain. Night the ſame.
" 16. Water a little foul, no Sediment, but
" ſome Pain. I took the Elixir for
" ſleeping. Night made much Water,
" and clear, but little Pain.
" 17. The ſame.
" 18. The ſame. Night the ſame.
" 19. The ſame. Night made much Water,
" no Sediment, ſome Pain.
" 20. Water clear, not ſo much as Yeſterday,
" little Pain. Night the ſame.
" 21. Clear Water, with more Pain than
" Yeſterday. Night not ſo much
" Water, but clear, and greater
" Pain.
" 22. The ſame, with more Pain. Night
" much Water, and clear, with
" great Pain.
" 23. The ſame. Night the ſame, clear
" Water, but with more Pain.

*Having*

" *Having for above a Week paſt made clear Water, and*
" *with much Pain, and nothing coming away, made*
" *me begin to think of leaving off the Medicines; yet*
" *I was ſure the Cure was not finiſhed, and having*
" *a Doctor, who happened to be here, then adviſed*
" *me to take them a Fortnight longer, ſo I continued*
" *to go on.*

" *Sept.* 24. Made clear Water, moderate Quan-
" tity, with ſore Pain. Night was
" foul Water, little in Quantity;
" ſome Pain.
" 25. Water foul, not much; in which two
" little Bits of the Stone; with a little
" Pain. Night but little Water and
" foul; Pain eaſier.
" 26. The ſame. Night the ſame; but often
" Pain.
" 27. Much the ſame; with ſome Pain.
" Night little Water, foul; Pain
" eaſier.
" 28. Still but little Water, and foul; not
" much Pain. Night the ſame.
" 29. The ſame; with Pain when I made
" Water. Night the ſame.
" 30. But little Water, not very foul: This
" Day and the Night following a
" great many Bits of Stone came
" away, being the Eleventh Week;
" more has come away this Week,
" than in any one Week before.
" *October* 1. Moderate Water, and clearer; ſeveral
" Bits came away, pretty eaſy. Night
" a few Bits came away; not much
" Water, clearer.
" 2. Water began to be clearer; fewer Bits;
" ſome Uneaſineſs. Night Water
" almoſt

" almoſt clear: and few Bits, with " a little Pain.

" 3. Water clear; Pain ſometimes; no " Bits. Night but little Pain; no " Bits.

" 4. The ſame. Night the ſame.

" 5. Much Water, and clear; ſeldom Pain; " no Bits. Night not much Water, " clear; no Bits; nor Pain.

" 6. Water clear; few Bits; no Pain. " Night two or three Bits; no " Pain.

" 7. Water very clear; with Pain when " made it; no Bits. Night clear " Water, with a Stoppage, that I " could ſcarce make any; and with " Pain.

" 8. Clear Water, with ſome Pain; two or " three Bits. Night Water very clear; ſharp Pain ſometimes; two " Bits.

" 9. The ſame; ſome little Bits. Night " the ſame; no Bits worth Notice.

" 10. The ſame, with frequent ſharp Pain; " no Bits material. Night foul Wa- " ter, with Pain; no Bits.

" 11. Clear Water, with ſome Pain; three or " four Bits. Water clear, a little " Pain; ſome Bits.

" 12. A Pain when I make Water; a few " Bits. Clear Water; ſome little Bits.

" 13. Clear Water; no Bits. Night a Stop- " page and Dribling; very few Bits; " ſmall Particles.

" 14. Clear Water; no Pain but when at " Pot; a few ſmall Bits. Night the " ſame; ſome of the ſmalleſt Bits.

" *Oct.* 15.

" *Oct.* 15. Clear Water; Pain at making; few
" ſmall Particles. Night a Stoppage
" and Dribling; little Pain; ſome
" ſmall Bits.

" 16 Clear Water, what I made, but had a
" Stoppage of Urine; with great Pain
" when I made Water; which was
" but a few Drops at a Time; but
" ſeveral Bits came away. In the
" Night I roſe often to make Water,
" but could not, which cauſed very
" great Pain; but towards Morning
" making a little, ſeveral Bits came
" away.

" 17. Water clear, with Pain; but ſeveral
" large and little Bits came out, one
" the largeſt yet. Night a Stoppage
" often with great Pain; two large
" and ſeveral leſſer Bits came away.

" 18. A Stoppage, and Pain; but ſeveral
" Bits, one larger came away. Night
" little Water, often a Stoppage;
" not ſo clear; ſome Bits.

" 19. Clear Water; a Stoppage with Pain;
" no Bits worth Notice. Night a
" little Water, being a Stoppage;
" a few little Bits.

" 20. Clear Water, little Pain; ſome Bits.
" Clear Water, a Stoppage, and
" Pain *in Pene:* Two large Bits ſtick-
" ing came out next Day.

" 21. In the Morning made me eaſy, and
" Urine more freely; a few ſmall
" Bits came away. Night clear Wa-
" ter, pretty eaſy; ſome few ſmall
" Bits came away.

" *Oct.* 22.

" *Oct.* 22. The ſame; only a few Bits came away.
" Night the ſame; two pretty large
" Bits came away.
" 23. Water clear, uneaſy when I made it;
" ſome little Bits came away. Night
" much Water, clear, eaſy, two
" Bits came.
" 24. The ſame; two or three ſmall Bits.
" Night clear Water; two larger
" Bits; ſome ſticking cauſed Pain.
" 25. Water clear; no Pain but at making
" Water; no Bits. Night a Stop-
" page; made Water with Difficul-
" ty; no Bits.
" 26. Clear Water; ſome Pain *in Pene*; no
" no Bits this Day. Night Water
" foul, with Pain *Pene*; a Stoppage;
" three or four large Bits came out in
" the Morning.
" 27. Clear Water; Pain by Stoppage;
" no Bits. Night Water not clear;
" a Stoppage, with Pain *Pene*; ſe-
" veral Bits found in the Pot in the
" Morning, more than any Night
" before.
" 28. Clear Water; no Pain, nor any Bits.
" Night the very ſame.
" 29. The ſame. Night the ſame; no Pain,
" nor Bits.
" 30. Water clear; a little Pain at making;
" no Bits. Night clear Water, ſome-
" times a Stoppage, with Pain; no
" Bits.
" 31. The ſame. Night much Water and
" clear, did not come freely; a few
" little Bits.

" *Nov.* 1. Water clear; no Pain; no Bits. Night " the ſame; a dribling Stoppage; no " Bits.

" 2. Clear Water; very few Bits. Night " the ſame, with a dribling Stop- " page; no Bits.

" 3. Water clear; no Pain, nor Bits. Night " much Water and clear; a Stop- " page; no Bits.

" 4. Clear Water; no Pain, nor Bits. " Night a Stoppage; little Water, " and a few Bits.

" 5. Water clear, ſome Pain at making; " no Bits. The ſame at Night; a " ſmall Bit, and ſome Pain.

" 6. Clear Water; a Stoppage, with a " Pain *Pene*; Bits ſticking. Night " foul Water; a Stoppage, with " great Pain; Bits ſticking, but in " the Morning ſeveral large Bits were " in the Pot.

" 7. Clear Water; a few ſmall Bits, with a " little Pain. Night the ſame; a " Stoppage, with ſome Pain; a few " Bits.

" 8. The ſame; I began to take leſs Medi- " cines, to three Times, Pain being " abated. Night Water fouler; a " Stoppage; ſome few Bits.

" 9. Water clear; no Pain; very few ſmall " Bits. Night Water a little foul; " no Pain, nor Bits.

" 10. Clear Water, ſome Pain; few Bits. " Night clear Water, a little Stop- " page; two Bits, and Mucus.

" 11. Water not clear; no Pain; no Bits. " Night clear Water, a little Stop- " page; no Bits.

" *Nov.* 12.

" *Nov.* 12. The ſame. Night Water not clear,
" a Stoppage, with Pain *Pene*; no
" Bits.

" 13. The ſame. Night clear Water, Pain
" and Stoppage; two or three Bits.

" 14. Clear Water, ſome Pain; no Bits.
" Night Water foul, with a Stop-
" page and Pain; no Bits.

" 15. Foul Water, a Stoppage ſometimes;
" no Bits. Night Water foul, fre-
" quent Stoppage, with Pain; one
" Bit.

" 16. Foul Water, a Stoppage by Times; in
" the Evening a large Bit came, the
" biggeſt that came yet. Night
" foul Water; a little Pain, but no
" Bits.

" 17. Foul high-coloured Water; a Stop-
" page with Pain; no Bits. Night
" white foul Water, a Stoppage
" ſometimes; no Bits.

" 18. Water not clear, a little Stoppage; a
" pretty large Bit of hard Stone
" came away. Night foul white
" Water, pretty eaſy; no Bits.

" 19. Water the ſame, Stoppage and Pain;
" This Evening the largeſt Stone
" came away. Night Water foul,
" ſome Stoppage, eaſy as to Pain;
" no Bits.

" 20. Water not ſo foul; no Pain nor Bits.
" Night Water foul and white, ſome
" Stoppage, little Pain; no Bits.

" 21. Clear Water, pretty eaſy; no Bits.
" Night the ſame.

" 22. The ſame. Night the Water a little
" foul, Stoppage ſometimes; no
" Bits.

" *Nov.* 23. Clear Water; no Pain, nor Bits.
" Night foul Water, a Stoppage
" without Pain; no Bits.
" 24. Water ſometimes clear, ſometimes foul;
" no Pain; no Bits. Night Water
" foul and high-coloured; eaſy, no
" Bits.
" 25. Clear Water, Pain *Pene*; a little Bit.
" Night Water clear; a Pain by
" Stone ſticking *Pene*; two large
" Pieces came away in the Morning,
" where the laſt had ſtuck in the
" Paſſage a Day and Night.
" 26. Water clear; a little Pain *Pene*, by
" reaſon of the ſticking of the two
" laſt Pieces. Much Water and
" clear this Night, a little uneaſy;
" no Bits.
" 27. Water the ſame, eaſy from any Pain;
" no Bits. This Day, the laſt of
" twenty Weeks, I began to forbear
" the Medicine; I only took two
" Bottles after this Day.
" 28. I walked abroad as far as the Cuſtom-
" Houſe, having confined myſelf for
" twenty Weeks, taking the Medi-
" cines regularly, without ſtirring
" out of Doors.

## *POSTSCRIPT.*

*SIR,*

" YOU may pleaſe to obſerve, I have had
" great Pain from the Stone, and the Me-
" dicines Operation, but now being entirely free
" from any, may be compared to a Woman in
" Travail; is forgotten, and do believe myſelf

now

now to be cured of the Stone, having no Symptoms of that Kind. Thanks to Friends for Advice, & *Laus Deo.*

*Dec.* 31, 1737. *I am, Sir,*
*Your moſt obliged,*
*humble Servant.*
FRAN. BOLTON.
*From Newcaſtle ſuper Tinam.*

It has been obſerved from this Gentleman's Account of himſelf, that Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines ſeem in ſome Caſes to give ſo much Pain, that it is better to ſubmit to the Operation. And when this or the like Inſtances have been urged as Evidences of a Stone-diſſolving Urine, it has generally been objected either that the Bits were not real original Stone, but the meer Produce of the Medicines, or elſe that the ſame Perſon might probably have voided the ſame Bits with the ſame Circumſtances had he taken nothing. When therefore I entered upon the preſent Deſign of publiſhing all the Caſes, I wrote to Mr. *Bolton*, deſiring to know whether he had had any Return of his Complaints, and mentioned the foregoing Objections. And I received in Anſwer the following Letter, dated *Feb.* 9, 1738-9.

*SIR,*

A More particular and exact Account of all that have taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, when it comes out, muſt be a great and moſt convincing Proof of the good Effect of them, and prevail upon the charitable Part of this Nation to put their helping Hands towards ſo univerſal a Good, and unſpeakable Benefit the poorer Sort may reap by it.

For my own Part, I thank God I was ſo perfectly cured of the Stone by taking them, that I never

ſince

ſince felt the leaſt Symptom of Pain from that Diſtemper, with which I had been ſore afflicted for about two Years before, and could not endure to ride on Horſe-back, which now I can with Pleaſure. I took all Things that I could hear of in this Country to make me eaſy, but without Effect. I came to *London* in Pain; I began the Medicines in Pain; which with ſome Intermiſſions continued for about a Fortnight, and then it abated, and I was ſomewhat eaſy; but had more or leſs, Nights and Days, with ſome Remiſſions, during the taking. If it had been continual, it would have been intolerable; to remove which I took the Medicines, and if I had not taken them I ſhould have had my former wonted Pain. It is probable, I might have more than any other; perhaps the Stone might be of a harder Nature, and might not diſſolve ſo kindly as in others. I did not hear of any that complained ſo much as I did; by continuing the Medicines the Stone began to diſſolve and come away in Bits, and I was more eaſy.

Formerly, about a Dozen Years ſince, I was much troubled with the Stone Pain, and took Medicines which helped me to void ſeveral I have now in a little Box, but never perceived any thing come away like theſe Bits, but were entire Stones, like a Pea or a Bean, or ſuch Things. Mr. *Binford* of *Exeter*, and Mr. *Holland* at the *Tower*, both took the Medicines at the ſame Time I did; they each came to ſhow me what came from them, and to compare with me. I obſerved that the Operation was the very ſame with them, having juſt ſuch Bits as I had, and at laſt a larger hard Stone, which was called the Kernel. They were ſo much alike that one would think they all came from the ſame Perſon. The Bits are perfect Stone, only ſoft at coming away; but laid on a Paper they ſoon dry to be perceived what they are. It is a ſurprizing Medicine,

cine, and would be of great Uſe, and a vaſt Kindneſs to poor People, who are not able to give the Price as it now is. The manual Operation is come to great Perfection; yet how muſt the poorer Sort come at it in the Country, when they cry out for ſome Aſſiſtance? Since I came down, ſome of the poor Pit-Men in Pain and Diſtreſs have been to enquire of me what I took. I could not tell them. They complained lamentably of their Affliction and Poverty, not being able to purchaſe the Medicines. Some are ſince dead. For while they labour under ſuch a grievous Pain, it Incapacitates them for working, and ſo they periſh for Want and proper Relief; which it is hoped all good and well-diſpoſed Chriſtians, who have any Charity or Benevolence for Mankind will conſider, and promote ſo noble a Deſign. I am,

*Sir*,

*Your moſt humble Servant*,

FRAN. BOLTON.

I had very great and extreme Pain before I went to *London*, ſome Nights and ſome Days moſt intolerable. If it had not been ſo grievous I ſhould not have gone; but have born it here, as well as I could, ſuppoſing I ſhould not live long, and Death would put an End to all. But Friends importuned to ſeek Relief.

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## LXXVII.

### Captain HUNT, Exeter.

ABOUT five Years ago, I had a Pain in my Left-ſide with urging to vomit, and conſulted Dr. *Oldfield*. When I mentioned my Caſe to him, he told me it was Gravel and Stone; and after

after he had preſcribed to me for three or four Days, I brought off a ſmall Stone, and became free from the Pain. After that I brought off ſeveral ſmall Stones at Times. About two Years ago, I began to have a Motion to make Water very often, and make but a very little at a Time, with great Heat and Sharpneſs. This continued upon me and became ſo bad, that I could neither Walk nor Ride without great Inconveniency; I had alſo frequent Forcings to go to Stool. I was ſearched by a Surgeon in the Country, but he could not find a Stone, and ſaid he believed I had an Ulcer. About a Twelve-month after I found my Complaints grew worſe, and I was ſearched again by the ſame Surgeon, who then found a Stone. I then came up to *London*, and was examined there by Mr. *Cheſelden*, who alſo found a Stone; and began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines on the 5th of laſt *April*, and have taken them ever ſince, three Times a Day, except during the Times of four Paſſages by Sea between *London* and *Exeter*; and have brought off from Time to Time Grit and Pieces of Stone, ſome like rotten Wall, ſome like Pieces of a Stone broke with a Hammer, ſome brown on the Outer-part, and white with a ſoft Subſtance on the Inner, ſome ſo large as to ſtick in the Paſſage for ſometime, moſt of which I have ſtill by me. I am a great deal better than before I began the Medicines, they agree very well with me in other Reſpects, and I continue to take them.

London, *Feb.* 13, 1738-9. JOHN HUNT.

LXXVIII. Mr.

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### Mr. WITTINGHAM, *a Smith in the* New-Rents, *near the* Borrough *of* Southwark.

HAS been troubled with the Stone for ſeveral Years. In the Year 1735 brought away a great Number of ſmall Stones, and in *May* 1736, was cut at St. *Thomas*'s Hoſpital (being then Fifty-two Years of Age) by Mr. *Cheſelden*, who took out of his Bladder ſix Stones, about the Size of middling Cheſnuts, very much of that Shape, hard and ſmooth on the Surface, and the biggeſt weighing upwards of an Ounce. In a few Months after began to find Pain and ſudden Stoppage in making Water, Forcings to go to Stool, and made bloody Water upon Walking much. Was ſearched in *Jan.* 1737 by Mr. *Cheſelden*, who found a Stone in the Bladder. In *Feb.* 1738, began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, took them conſtantly four Months, but not being able to purchaſe them any longer was forced to leave them off, tho' willing to have continued them rather than be cut again. He brought away no Stones or Scales while he took them, and continues to have the ſame Complaints as before.

## LXXIX.

### Mr. NAISH, Greywell, Hampſhire.

BEGAN Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the 15th of laſt *January*, being about ſixty Years of Age. The ſame Day there was an Alteration in the Water, having a white thick Sediment in it. On the

20th Day of the Month he made Water much eaſier than before, and ſo continues to do, with only a little Smart attending it. His Water alſo continues in the ſame State to this Time, with the ſame Sediment in it. Tho' his Pain is much abated he ſtill feels the Stone, and has not obſerved any Part of it to come away. Before he took the Medicines he made bloody Water occaſionally, but ſince he has taken it he has made none. He finds no Diſorder from the Medicine, but his Stomach continues good. He never felt any thing of this Complaint till *Auguſt* laſt.

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## LXXX.

### Captain BRIGHT, Kenſington.

ABOUT two Years ago, I was examined by Mr. *Pye* of *Briſtol* with the Catheter, and a Stone found in my Bladder. I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines ſoon after, have continued them regularly ever ſince, and frequently void a ſoft mucous Matter, which when dry appears like Lime from a Wall. And at all thoſe Times I find immediate Eaſe. I was examined again laſt Summer by Mr. *Middleton* and a Stone was found, which was thought of a ſoft Kind. My general ſtate of Health is much better than when I began the Medicines, and I can bear Motion better. For a Number of Years before I ſuſpected that I had a Stone, I obſerved Films and Rags in my Wate.

*Feb.* 13, 1738-9. J. BRIGHT.

## LXXXI.

*The Rev.* Mr. WILSON, *Lecturer of* St. John's at Wapping, *and Curate of* St. George's Southwark.

FOR near two Years had been ſo much afflicted with the Stone in the Kidneys, that he was rendered wholly incapable of performing his Church Duty. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *November* laſt. Within a few Days he brought away ſeveral Scales, and at the End of eighteen Days felt a Stone paſs from the Kidney into the Bladder, which came away with the next Flow of Water. It was of the Shape and Size of an Olive, white and ſoft on the Surface, and appeared very evidently to have been acted upon by the Medicines, having its outer Coat waſted all off, except on one ſmall Part, which exactly correſponded in Colour and Thickneſs with the Scales that came away before. Beſides, the Nucleus itſelf was ſo cracked, that if it had ſtaid much longer in the Bladder, he is of Opinion it would have fallen to Pieces there. Upon the coming away of this he became very eaſy, left off the Medicines, and can walk without any Pain or Inconvenience.

## LXXXII.

Mr. HUGHES *a Leather-Dreſſer, in* Snow-Fields, Southwark.

HAS had a Difficulty in making Water with much Forcing and Pain for ſeveral Years. Had a Stone found in the Bladder by Dr. *Bamber*.

About two Years ago, he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for three Months, brought away much Slime and thick Sediment, but towards the latter End of that Time, had a total Suppreſſion of Urine, which he ſuppoſes owing to ſome Carnoſity at the Neck of the Bladder; and he has not been able to part with any Water ſince, but by the Help of a Catheter, which he introduces himſelf, as often as he has Occaſion.

## LXXXIII.

### Mr. Cooks, Worceſter.

I Have had a Letter from him dated *Feb.* 10, 1738-9, in which are the following Particulars, *viz.* That he has been in a very bad Condition upwards of twenty Years, had a great many large Stones come from him at Times, and along with that an Ulcer cauſing great Pain; and about eight Years ago had a very bad Fit, but got over it without taking any Medicines at all. As to the Effects of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines he can ſay nothing as yet, he is often in Pain, and eſpecially if he goes to any Exceſs in any Point. He has voided no Stones, and but little Gravel ſince he began the Medicines.

## LXXXIV.

### Mr. Milson, Blakeney, *in the* Foreſt *of* Dean, Glouceſterſhire.

WAS taken about four Years ago, with a ſudden Motion of making Water and ſharp Pains in the Paſſage. This came on him afterwards

wards once a Fortnight, Full and Change, for two Days and Nights very ſharp, he had the Motions to make Water twenty Times or more in a Day, and could not make a Spoonful in ſix or ſeven Times. Conſulted a Phyſician, who judged that he had a Stone, and then he was ſearched by a Surgeon, but no Stone could be found. Conſulted another Phyſician, who alſo judged that he had a Stone, and that it might be fallen down upon the Fundament, as he had always a great Depreſſion on that Part, and hard Motions to Stool, tho' at the ſame Time laxative in his Body. Had the Advice of ſeveral others, but could have no Help. Grew much worſe and voided a great deal of Gravel like Brick-duſt, and ſeveral ſmall Stones about the Bigneſs of Pepper-Corns, of a greyiſh Colour, very hard and ragged, with one about the Bigneſs of a Barley-Corn, like the Sliving of a Bone, and as hard, of a Light-yellow. Then the Fits altered their coming once a Fortnight to every *other* Week. Could not Walk or Ride. His Water upon Walking or Riding was black and thick as Coffee-grounds. Had a violent Fit in *Auguſt* laſt, which held him for a Week, ſo that every Body expected his Death. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the Week following, and has not had a violent Fit ſince. For the laſt two Months has found a great Alteration. Makes Water freely and has no Pain after it. Has voided ſince taking a great deal of Dregs and Gravel, and ſome ſmall Stones, of a greyiſh Colour, which did diſſolve and flake away like ſlaked Lime, upon putting his Finger on them. The violent Pains had worn him out and made him look like Death, but ſince taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines he is grown fat, and has a good freſh Complexion.

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LXXXV. Mr.

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### Mr. GILLISON, Lancaſter.

I Have been very much afflicted with the Stone and Gravel, even to ſuch a Degree that I have voided a great Number of ſmall Stones, and have now by me upwards of a Hundred. The Forms of them are very different, ſome are angular and rugged, others ſmooth and very hard. I had violent Pain in making Water, and upon Riding was almoſt ſtung to Death. I have frequently parted with Clots of congealed Blood. I had a great Deſire to make, and made very little at a Time, and with the utmoſt Difficulty; a great Pain at the Neck of my Bladder, and at the End of the Penis, eſpecially after making Water. Theſe are the Symptoms I had before I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. Since I have been under her Directions, I thank God, I am much better, nor is my State of Health in general the leaſt impaired. I lately rode twenty Miles upon a trotting Horſe without Pain, and I make Water with much leſs Difficulty. The Sediment of my Urine varies as to Colour, ſometimes white, at other Times of a Brick Colour. About two Months ago I found in the Chamber-pot a chalky Subſtance, which crumbled upon Preſſure; I took this to be a Piece of rotten Stone. I have now and then a Pain in my Kidneys, but I hope by continuing the Medicines a little longer I ſhall be perfectly well.

*Feb.* 9. 1738-9.

AMBROSE GILLISON.

## LXXXVI.

### Mr. White, Ironmonger, *in* Redcliff-Street, Briſtol.

WAS examined by a Surgeon the 20th of laſt *Auguſt*, and had a Stone found in his Bladder. Had taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines Twenty-ſeven Weeks the latter End of *December* laſt, when he left them off, not finding any Benefit by them: Had about a Tea-ſpoonful of Grit, about the Bigneſs of half a Wheat Corn, come from him during the Uſe of the Medicines, but at a great many different Times; it was in a hard State, and of the Colour of coarſe brown Sugar. Had alſo a white Sediment that fell to the Bottom of the Urine. He is in very great Pain for three Weeks or a Month at a Time, and then ſomething eaſier for a Month.

It may be obſerved, with reſpect to this and other Caſes of the ſame kind, that they cannot at all conclude *againſt* the ſtone-diſſolving Power of the medicated Urine, becauſe this Power, like every other Cauſe, muſt require a different Time for the Production of its full Effect, according to the different Hardneſs or Size of the Stone to be diſſolved. On the contrary, if the other Evidences determine in Favour of the ſtone-diſſolving Power, it will be probable that the ſame has been exerted here, only in a ſlower Manner; and that the Continuance of theſe Medicines would at laſt reduce the Stone to a Size, capable of paſſing the Urethra. And admitting this, ſurely it is better to continue them, than either be Cut, or ſuffer the Stone

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to grow perpetually larger, by the incrusting Quality of natural Urine.

## LXXXVII.

*An unknown* PERSON, *near* Taunton, Somersetshire. *The following is a Letter to me, dated* February 9, 1738-9.

*SIR,*

AT my coming home from a Journey, I found a Letter from you, in Relation to a Patient of mine, who had taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. To give you a History of the Case will not signify, by Reason she is dead, and died of the Stone. I should have been very glad that the Medicines had taken Effect; though notwithstanding she took three Parts of the Pills and Powder, yet she did not bring off any Stones, which she frequently used to do before she took the Pills, *&c.*

*I am SIR,*

*Your Humble Servant,*

F. BURFORD.

## LXXXVIII.

### Mr. MASSEY, Chester.

IN 1734, I first began to void a reddish Sand, and continued so to do for about twelve Months, and then parted with small Gravel of a lighter Colour than the Sand. In 1736, I voided several hard

hard Stones, very ragged, about the Size of ſmall Peas, white with reddiſh Streaks; and then ceaſed to part with any Subſtances for about 12 Months afterwards, during which my Affliction increaſed gradually. I had almoſt continual Motions to make Water, which came from me in ſmall Quantities and involuntarily. I felt a grievous Pain and Weight in and about my Bladder, and the Symptoms came at laſt to be ſo violent, that I could ſcarcely turn in Bed. In *June* laſt I began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and perceived no alteration for about eighteen Days, but then ſmall Chips or Scales of Stone, of a pale Colour, began to come away in more or leſs Quantities, which I have continued to void (excepting ſometimes an Intermiſſion for fourteen or ſixteen Days) till about ſix Weeks ago, during which I have not parted with any Subſtances, but diſcharged a thick clammy Mucus. I am ſenſible that there is the remainder of a Stone yet in my Bladder, but I am got ſo well as to walk about the City, and have comfortable Reſt in the Night. I have yet Pain when I have parted with my Urine, and when I riſe up out of my Bed. The Medicines agree very well with me, and I continue to take them in Hopes of a perfect Cure.

ROGER MASSEY.

*Feb.* 10, 1738-9.

## LXXXIX.

Mrs. MARLEY, Dumſtom, *near* Newcaſtle *upon* Tyne. *The following is Part of a Letter from her to Mrs.* Stephens, *dated* November 17, 1738.

MADAM,

BEFORE I begun with your Medicines, I had a very great Pain croſs my Loins, where the Kidneys are ſaid to be placed, attended with a ſtretching Pain through the Right-ſide of my Belly, towards the Bladder, and voided a pretty large Stone; but after that found my Trouble increaſe on the other ſide of my Back, ſo that I could not ride nor ſtir much about the Houſe, without making bloody Water. I was adviſed to apply to you for your Medicines, and in the firſt Week of taking them, found myſelf very little better, and had near taken the firſt Quantity before I found it Operate; but towards the latter End I made a great Quantity of Water, which had a ſlimy Subſtance, and a white Sediment like Pieces of Chalk. And as I went on with the Medicines, I found after that, ſeveral large Pieces of hard Matter like Shells or Pieces of Stone, ſome of a whitiſh, and ſome of a browniſh Colour, which came away with ſome Pain. I was always Coſtive without taking the Electuary, which I did twice or thrice a Week. But after the firſt Quantity was all taken, I found the Cauſe not quite removed, and made bloody Water again, ſo deſired to have the Things repeated, which I have taken almoſt a Month, but did not void ſo much Gravel, or that hard Matter, as I did at firſt. And when the laſt Medicines were all

all taken, for three or four Days I found a great Pain in making Water, and ſtill find a Soreneſs on my Left-ſide with Gripings towards my Bladder; and have this Morning voided a large Piece of Stone, of a browniſh Colour, and white about the Edges.

Since this ſhe has left off the Medicines upon being with Child, but intends to take them again, However, where the Pains are violent and the Medicines have been found to Relieve theſe, it is far ſafeſt to continue them during Pregnancy; nor does it appear to me, that there is any particular Danger of a Miſcarriage from the Uſe of them. unleſs where they force and give Pain, which every Perſon who has tried them may be a Judge of in their own Caſes.

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## XC.

### Mrs. GLOVER, *at the* Golden-Ball *over-againſt* Bow-Lane, Cheapſide.

HAD ſome Calculous Complaints; took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines and received great Benefit, but was not able to continue them by Reaſon of the Sickneſs which they occaſioned. She has had very few Complaints, ſince ſhe left them off.

## XCI.

### Mr. Floyd's Son, *in* Maggot's-Court, *over-againſt* St. James's Church, Piccadilly.

FOurteen Years old. Had Pain in making Water, violent preſſing upon the Neck of the Bladder, and ſudden Stoppages frequently. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines thirteen Months, but continues to have the ſame Complaints.

## XCII.

### Mr. Marten, Sutton at Home, *near* Dartford, *in* Kent.

WAS Afflicted with the Stone in the Kidney, for which he tried ſeveral Things, but found no Relief. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *Sept.* laſt, and grew better in ſix Weeks. Continued them for about ſix Weeks more, and has ſince been able to Work, which he could not do before.

## XCIII.

### Mr. Swainson, Kendal, *in* Weſtmoreland.

I Was for ſeveral Years afflicted with violent Fits of the Gravel in the Kidneys, but never quitted any Stones or Gravel to my Knowledge. In *June* 1737, I began to have violent Pain and Obſtructions in making Water, which was often bloody

Bloody upon the leaſt Motion. I had frequent Motions to Urine, attended with as frequent violent ſtraining Motions to Stool. Had a continual Pain either in the Seat, Bladder, Urethra or Glans Penis. Could neither ride, walk, lie down, nor riſe up without great Pain in thoſe Parts; in ſhort, I had all the Symptoms incident to the Stone in the Bladder. My Appetite was loſt, my Sleep gone from me, my Health impaired, which rendered my Life miſerable and uneaſy. So that poſſibly I could not have lived much longer, had I not by the Bleſſing of God, applied to Mrs. *Stephens* for that excellent, incomparable, worthy Medicine; to which under God, my precious Life is owing. I began to take it the 25th of *May* laſt, and have continued it ever ſince. After firſt taking my Pain continued for eight or ten Weeks, a tough ſlimy Matter coming away. I then became eaſier, my Water became turbid with ſometimes a white thick Sediment, ſometimes a high-coloured and brown Sediment, with ſeveral ſmall white and brown Particles, or ſmall Bits, one large flat Piece as broad as a Silver Penny and thick as a Shilling, in a very ſoft and rotten State. I very often quitted by Urine, a brown, ſtringy, ſoft Matter, and am now bleſſed be GOD, perfectly free from any Complaints of the Stone; can ride, walk, or do other Exerciſe without Pain, and am perfectly reſtored in Health, bleſſed be ALMIGHTY GOD, and Thanks to Mrs. *Stephens*, for whom I am ever bound to pray whilſt

JAMES SWAINSON.

*Feb.* 8, 1738-9.

**XCIV. Cap-**

## XCIV.

### Captain EAGLESFIELD, Carliſle.

I Have been for many Years violently afflicted with the Gravel, and frequently paſſed Stones of an uncommon Size, and a little before I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, I voided a Stone that weighed eleven Grains; and I had often voided larger. When I began with her Medicines (which was *November* 7, 1737,) I had very great Pain in both my Kidneys: After I had taken them three Months, I had a ſevere Fit for two Days, before the Stone got from the Kidney to the Bladder, which was ſo large that it could not paſs the Urethra, but gave me great Pain every Time I attempted to make Water; and after ſome Time my Urine began to be white, and little Flakes of the Stone came away, and in about three Months more the Stone broke into Gravel and ſmall Pieces, which in two Days I voided in great Abundance. Since this I have had no ſtoppage of Urine, but ſtill have by Fits a Pain in one of my Kidneys and conſtantly void Quantities of Gravel. As to my general Health I am much better than when I began the Medicines, and am able to uſe more Exerciſe, which formerly I could ſeldom bear.

*Feb.* 10, 1738-9.

ROBERT EAGLESFIELD.

XCV. Mr.

## XCV.

Mr. FRETWELL, Bawtry, Yorkſhire. *His Caſe is contained in a Letter to me from* Mr. Slater *of* Bawtry, *dated* Feb. 12, 1738-9, *and is as follows.*

IT is now almoſt two Years ſince Mr. *Fretwell* began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, at which Time he was ſo broke that no Body expected he could continue ſix Months. He had frequent Fits both of the Stone and Gravel, attended with ſuch violent Cholick Pains, and Bilious Vomitings, as were ſcarce ſupportable. He could not ride without making bloody Water, and very frequently parted with large Quantities of purulent Matter with his Urine. He often voided ſmall Gravel Stones of a light rediſh Colour, and I could now and then obſerve a little greyiſh Shell, which had peeled off from the confirmed Stone. Under theſe Circumſtances I ſearched him with the Catheter, but found no Stone in the Bladder. Upon the firſt taking of the Medicines he had violent forcing Pains, but in a few Weeks he was quit of the Gravel, and I think has not voided any ſince. I obſerved large Quantities of a tough glaſſy Phlegm, ſometimes for a Fortnight together in his Water, and at other Times a greyiſh Sediment, and very frequently Laminæ of Stones near as broad as a Silver Penny, the Edge ſoft and gritty, the Middle harder, and about the Thickneſs of an Egg-ſhell. After he had taken the Medicines three or four Months, he began to recover his Stomach and natural Reſt, could ride ten Miles with very little Complaint, and the laſt Summer came up to Town in the Stage-

Stage-Coach, and returned home without any notable Inconvenience. And tho' he has taken none of the Medicines theſe eight Months, he has been free from any Complaints that can be attributed to the Stone.

RICHARD SLATER.

## XCVI.

### Mr. TOMLINSON, Sprotborough *near* Doncaſter, Yorkſhire.

HAS taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for a ſhort Time twice a Day. They gave him ſo much Pain at firſt, that he could not bear them three Times as directed. Uſed to part with red Gravel every Day before he began the Medicines, but ſince he took them does not part with any. His Water has now a white Sediment, and he is ſomething eaſier, but has ſtill a great Pain. His Water turns red when he Rides or Walks, and is very painful in parting with it. On *Friday* the 9th of this Inſtant *February*, a greyiſh Shell of a Stone was found in his Water, and he voids now and then a good deal of bright Phlegm.

*Feb.* 10, 1738-9.

## XCVII.

### Mr. UNDERWOOD, *at the* White-Lion Tavern *in* White-Chappel.

HAS been afflicted with the Stone in the Bladder ſeveral Years, had much Pain in making Water, and a ſudden Stoppage. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medi-

Medicines ſix Months, and brought away ſeveral Scales. Has left them off three Months, is in a very weak and low State, and has the ſame Complaints.

*Feb.* 15, 1738-9.

## XCVIII.

*The Hon.* Mrs. MORDAUNT, Somerſet-Houſe.

HAS had the uſual Symptoms of the Stone of the Kidneys for ſeveral Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about a Month ago, and has received Benefit from them.

## XCIX.

Mrs. CANNING, Cary-Street, *near* Lincoln's-Inn.

HAS had Complaints ſeeming to proceed from the Stone of the Kidneys for about eight Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *June* 1738, and has taken them ever ſince, but not conſtantly. Has voided ſeveral rotten Crumbs of Stone, as big as large Pins Heads, ſome white, ſome yellowiſh; and is much better in every Reſpect.

## C.

*The Hon.* EDWARD CARTERET, *Esq*; Poſt-maſter-General. *His Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year in the following Words, and he has continued perfectly well ever ſince.*

" HAVING been very much afflicted with " the Stone and Gravel, and having by the " beſt Means I could, endeavoured to get Relief, at " length, in the utmoſt of my Extremity, I was " recommended to Mrs. *Stephens*; and ſoon after " taking her Medicines, I began to bring away in " my Urine a whitiſh Powder, which, when dry, " appeared to be what came from a Stone. This " continued for ſome Time, and in about two or " three Months I found myſelf freed from a Pain, " I had felt at Times for ſeveral Years, on the " Right-ſide of the Bladder. And I am well aſ-" ſured, it was a Stone or calculous Matter, which " ſtuck to the Bladder. Beſides this, I had a looſe " Stone in the Bladder, which for ſeveral Months " after gave me extreme Pain, by its forcing when " I made Water; which at length came away in " Pieces, almoſt every Time I made Water, for " about nine Weeks following; until at laſt it came " all away, as appeared by my being freed from " all manner of Pain. The Kernel of the Stone " itſelf having come away, I thought myſelf then " intirely well, tho' afterwards, upon a Journey to " *London*, ſome Stones fell from my Kidneys, which " came away, to the Number of ſeven at one Time, " which made me preſume too far in diſcontinuing the " Medicines in great Part, having little or no Pain; " when a Stone, which had ſtuck in the Ureters,

" came

" came down, and ſtopped the Paſſage of the " Urine, which occaſioned a Suppreſſion of it, and " out of Fear of its not paſſing, I had the Aſſiſtance " of Mr. *Cheſelden*; and, I thank God, I am now free " of any Pain, and have been ſo ever ſince.

EDWARD CARTERET.

Mr. *Cheſelden* did not cut Mr. *Carteret* for a Stone in his Bladder, which has been a common Miſtake I perceive; but only make an Inciſion into the Urethra, in order to remove the above-mentioned Stone that had lodged there; which is an Operation attended with little Pain and no Danger.

## CI.

### Mr. COXON, *late of* Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.

HE had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about eleven Years ago, voided a vaſt Quantity of concave and convex Scales, with ſome ſolid Fragments of Stone, grew perfectly well, and never had any Return of his Complaints, tho' he lived ſeven or eight Years after he had left off the Medicines. He was above Eighty when he died.

## CII.

### JAMES PRESTON, *Eſq*; Cary-Street.

IN the Year 1720, he began to be afflicted with Pains in his Back and Vomitings, and to void red Gravel, with ſmall Gravel Stones. He had alſo a Stoppage in making Water, attended with Pain,

and frequent Provocation to Urine. In *March* 1736, he began to make bloody Water upon Motion, after which his Pains increaſed very much. He could not even go in a Chair, or move at all without Pain. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *April* 1737. In two or three Days his Pain in making Water became greater than ever, and continued ſo for at leaſt three Weeks. His Water was turbid at the Time of making, and depoſited a heavy Sediment, but he voided no Stones. He grew by Degrees perfectly eaſy and well while at Reſt. He then left off the Medicines; but has ſince voided many Stones of different Sizes, and been ſubject to Returns of Pain, with the making bloody Water upon Motion. He is however, upon the whole much better than when he begun the Medicines.

## CIII.

### Mr. LAWRENCE, *late of* Golden-Lane.

MRS. *Lawrence* his Widow gave the following Account, *Feb.* 16, 1738-9, *viz.* That her Husband had had ſeveral Complaints ſuppoſed to proceed from a Stone, ſuch as bloody Water, and ſtoppage in making, took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines and received great Benefit, ſo as to leave them off. That he had a Return of his Complaints ſome Time after, took the Medicines a ſecond Time, received Benefit and left them off again. That he was ſeized a third Time, and Mrs. *Stephens* ſent for in the Middle of the Night, when he was in exquiſite racking Pains. And that Mrs. *Stephens* then gave him her Draught with ſome Drops in it, but without any of her Powder, upon which he had a violent Looſeneſs, which Mrs. *Lawrence* apprehends to have been the Cauſe of his Death.

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The Drops above-mentioned were Liquid *Laudanum* ten Drops; and Mr. *Lawrence* had been ill for more than a Week before Mrs. *Stephens* ſaw him the laſt Time, and had taken ſeveral Medicines.

## CIV.

### Mr. Dovey, *late of* Montague-Court, Biſhopſgate-Street.

HAD been afflicted with the Stone in the Bladder for ſeveral Years. Had a conſtant dribling of Urine, brought away a great many ſmall Stones, and once fifteen together, ſome of which appeared to be Pieces of a Coat, being Convex on one Side and Concave on the other, but very thick and angular. This was before he took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. He began them *Nov.* 5, 1737, and before the End of the ſame Month, a Stone fell into the Neck of the Bladder, which threw him into ſuch a violent Fit of Pain that he died a Day or two after, *viz.* on the 30th of *Nov.* 1737, aged Seventy.

## CV.

### Mr. Longley, Coachman *to* Mr. Gregory, *a* Merchant *without* Biſhopſgate.

HAS been frequently troubled with Pain in the Left-ſide for twenty Years paſt. At firſt he ſeldom had more than three or four Fits in a Year, but of late they have come more often, and always begun with great Pain in the Left-ſide, about the Region of the Kidney, which was preſently followed by

by a Suppreſſion of Urine and Swelling of the Belly. In this State he uſually continued a Fortnight or longer, and at the End of the Fit always brought away a great Quantity of bloody Water, which laſted till the Swelling went quite down.

In the Beginning of *September* 1737, he was ſeized with a Fit of this Kind, which beſides the Symptoms above-deſcribed, was attended with ſuch racking Pain and great Swelling of the whole Belly, that he was not able to lie down in his Bed, or get any Sleep for near two Months. He entered upon Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines at the End of *October*, and before he had taken them three Weeks, he began to make Water more plentifully than for two Months before, the Swelling abated, and he grew gradually better every Day. About the Middle of *January*, he brought away great Flows of Water deeply tinged with Blood, to the Quantity of ſeveral Gallons in the Space of four or five Days, and became quite eaſy. Before this bloody Water came away, his Urine was always thick, and let fall a conſiderable Sediment, but tho' he continued the Medicines a Month afterwards, his Urine was clear, and let fall no Sediment at all. He left them off about the Middle of *February* 1737-8, having taken them four Months, and has been in a perfect State of Health ever ſince.

## CVI.

### Mr. Harrison, Kirby Stephen, Weſtmorland.

IN *Auguſt* 1736, I was ſeized with a violent Pain in the Small of my Back and down to my Hip, Vomiting, and great Difficulty in making Water. Ever ſince have had frequent Fits, and about Twelve Months ago voided a Stone near as big as a ſmall

a ſmall Horſe-bean, but was not in the leaſt relieved thereby. Afterwards got quit of ſeveral not quite ſo big as the ſmalleſt Pea. At that Time and ever ſince have found in the Bottom of the Chamber-pot a Quantity of red Sand, and in it ſome Pieces very ſharp, but of late more and more. I am never free from Pain in my Kidneys, and Flank or Side, down to the Bladder, and much troubled with Wind in that Part. Have great Difficulty in making Urine, at firſt it comes freely, then ſtops, and is voided Drop by Drop with ſuch intolerable Pain, that my Seat or Gut comes down. I have this Trouble eight or nine Times every Night, often more, and frequently in the Day-time. In Bed have a pricking Pain in the lower Part of my Body. Am apprehenſive of a Stone. I am otherwiſe healthy, ſtrong and corpulent, about Fifty-ſix Years of Age, and can eat heartily; and for ſome Years paſt have lived exceedingly regular. Can Ride a Mile or two a moderate Pace, but with Pain, and afterwards more uneaſy; if a farther Journey my Urine will be high-coloured, as if mingled with Blood, and occaſions riſing twelve or fourteen Times in the Night.

*Mr* Harriſon *ſent up this State of his Caſe to Mrs.* Stephens *in* November *laſt. What Effects the Medicines have had upon him will appear by the following Account.*

I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines on *Chriſtmas-Day* laſt, and I thank God, have found ſome Benefit by them. I can make Water much eaſier, and the Pain is abated, neither have I ſuch a Preſſing down of my Seat or Gut. I have never voided any great Stones, but have got away ſeveral of the Bigneſs of large Pin's Heads; they come away ſoft and not with much Pain, like as if they were ſhivered from a large

large Stone. I hope by continuing the Medicines I ſhall be perfectly well.

*Feb.* 12, 1738-9. CHRIST. HARRISON.

## CVII.

### Mr. WILLSON, Highwray, *near* Hawkſhead, Lancaſhire.

I Have taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines Twenty-ſeven Weeks, as directly according to Order as poſſible. The firſt eight Weeks there came a ſlimy Matter away, little of Stone to Appearance. The next eight Weeks ſcarce one Day but there came ſomething like as from the Stone, of ſeveral Shapes and Sizes, in a ſoft rotten State, with ſmall Particles; but there has come but little this nine Weeks, only this laſt Week four or five Bits, of ſeveral Shapes and Sizes, white on one Side and brown on the other; but they are very hard, and I have as great Pain this Week as ever I had, but am not out of Hopes, but it will do in Time, if I be able to bear it. I cannot expect to be cured ſoon, for I believe the Stone was large. I felt it about four Years. I think it is much lighter than it was, but great Pain ſtill remains, for there are a great many Pieces like as from a Stone, which I have kept, beſides ſome loſt.

*Feb.* 8, 1738-9. ANTHONY WILLSON.

The Symptoms before I took the Medicines, were ſuch as I could not go nor ride without great Pain, and could feel the Stone move as I moved, and always clear Water.

CVIII. Mr.

## CVIII.

Mr. PEDLEY, Steward *to* Uvedale Price, *Esq*; *in* Gerrard-Street, St. Ann's. *He drew up the following State of his Case in* Nov. 1737.

THE first Fit I had of the Stone is about seventeen Years since. It took me in my Left-Kidney in a very violent Manner, which would hold me for four, five, or six Days, and I had these Fits for about four Times a Year. Much riding or much walking would fret my Kidneys against the Stones, that my Water would be the Colour of Blood. And before these Fits left me, I could feel the Stones pass from my Kidney into my Bladder, sometimes eight, nine, or ten; and they would stay in my Bladder three or four Days, sometimes more, and then come away with my Water. Some are as hard as Marbles, and as smooth, some ragged and of a sandy Nature. They are about the Size of Grey-Pease. I have several of them in my keeping now in a Box. When I had those Fits, I constantly vomited all the while I was so ill. I have not had a violent Fit this four Years, but when I Walk or Ride much I have a dead numbny Pain in my Kidney, and sometimes a Stone will strike so sharp against the Neck of my Bladder, that it will make me scream out as if a Sword was run thro' me. By these Symptoms I know that I have many Stones both in my Kidneys and Bladder at this Time, and am afraid they are too large to come away. I find they grow bigger in my Kidney, and are more uneasy than they were a Year ago.

Some Time after Mr. *Pedley* began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, took them for about three Months, voided Slime, Sand, and ſmall Parts of Stone, grew free from his Complaints, and has continued ſo ever ſince, as I was informed by *Uvedale Price*, Eſq; his Maſter, *Feb.* 17, 1738-9.

## CIX.

### Mr. Thomas Pond, Mrs. Stephens's *Servant*, Macclesfield-Street, St. Ann's.

ABOUT three Years ago he began to have Pains in his Back, Body and Limbs. Some time after he felt a Stone drop into his Bladder, upon which he had Pain and Difficulty in making Water, ſudden Stoppages, and bloody Water upon Motion. Was cut about two Years ago by Mr. *Cheſelden*, and a ſmall flat Stone taken out of his Bladder. About a Fortnight after the Operation he had a Return of his Pains in the Back, Body and Limbs, attended with Sickneſs. He took ſeveral Medicines upon this account, but without finding Relief. He then began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and has taken them almoſt a Year. He found immediate Benefit from them, and has continued quite eaſy ever ſince; excepting ſome few Times, and particularly when ſomething has ſeemed to deſcend from the Kidney into the Bladder. His Water has had much white Sediment, and he has voided ſeveral white, brown, and black Bits of Stone. He is upon the whole exceedingly better than when he began the Medicines, and has hardly any Complaints.

## CX.

### A. B. *a* Perſon, *whoſe Name I have not the Liberty to mention.*

THIS Perſon had a Fever about twelve Years ago, and after it the following Diſorder. The Urine was in general muddy. Once in three Weeks or a Month, eſpecially upon catching Cold, was ſeized with a Shivering, violent Pains in the Back, extending themſelves to the Breaſt, and a Vomiting. Previouſly to this the Quantity of Urine uſed to be ſmall, not from any Stoppage in the Bladder as the Perſon believes, but becauſe it did not paſs freely from the Kidneys. At the End of the Fit the Urine had a Coffee-coloured Sediment. Many Medicines were given, but without Succeſs. At the End of about three Years this Perſon took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders, drinking after them a Kind of Lemonade. Upon this there followed a Soreneſs in the Back. After ſome Weeks Uſe, Mrs. *Stephens* adviſed the Motion of a Coach. This was complied with, and about two Days after the Perſon was taken violently ill, voided by Urine a large Quantity of a ſlimy Matter like the White of an Egg, began to grow better from that Time, and has continued free from any Illneſs ever ſince, tho' ſometimes ſubject to little Pains in the Back.

I mention this Caſe not as a Calculous one, but becauſe I am unwilling to omit any Thing that may diſcover the true Nature and Operation of the Medicines. And I think it appears from hence, that the Powders are Detergent, and therefore not likely to be Stone-generaters; alſo that they may be given with Safety, or even to Advantage, in Ulcers of the Kidneys.

## CXI.

### Mr. Towne, Grantham, Lincolnſhire.

HAD frequent Provocations to make Water, Pains and Difficulty in making, ſudden Stoppages in a full Stream, and made bloody Water upon Motion. Was examined in *Spring* 1737, at different Times by Mr. *Cheſelden* and Mr. *Middleton*, and found by both to have a Stone. He then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for about thirty Weeks, was eaſier in a ſhort Time after taking them, and voided ſeveral Pieces of Stone, two of which were very large. He was examined again by Mr. *Middleton* and Mr. *Hawkins*, *Oct.* 9, 1738, and found to have a Stone, tho' he had been perfectly eaſy for ſome Months before, and rode ſeveral Journeys without Pain. And in a Letter dated *Feb.* 6, 1738-9, he gives the following Account of himſelf: "I "have been very eaſy and free from Pain, Thanks "be to God, ever ſince I was in *London*. I drink "Honey and Milk every Morning, and ride a "Hunting once or twice every Week, if the Wea-"ther permit me. I ſtill have great Quantities of "red Gravel come from me, which ſometimes "makes me a little uneaſy. I was Yeſterday on "Horſe-back for near eight Hours, rode very hard, "and ſhall take all Opportunities of riding, ſince I "find it is of Service to me."

CXII. Mr.

## CXII.

### Mr. MACKENZIE, at Mr. Mackenzie's, *in* Queen-Street, *near* Soho-Square.

HAS had Pains in the Region of the Right Kidney, with a Heat there, for about a Year and a half. Was not able to Sleep upon this Account; had often ſtinking Slime in his Water, and this was ſometimes Coffee-coloured. About two Years ago uſed to void red Gravel: He has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for about three Months: He was more uneaſy for the firſt Fortnight after he began, but his Pains are now leſs than they were before, and he can Sleep very well. A conſiderable Quantity of Sandy Matter adheres to the Sides of the Glaſs, in which his Urine is kept.

## CXIII.

### *The Reverend* Mr. HARRYMAN, Peckleton, *near* Leiceſter.

ABOUT a Year before I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, I firſt began to be ſenſible of ſome Diſorder in my Bladder. When I had walked or rode a Mile or two to take the Air, I had frequent Irritations to Urine, and what came from me was high-coloured, hot and painful in the Paſſage, and was generally attended with Weakneſs and Faintneſs, and a Teneſmus, and ſometimes a ſharp, unkindly, ſmall Siege. After I had taken for a Quarter of a Year what was adjudged proper under theſe Circumſtances and Indications by ſome eminent

nent Phyſicians, and found little Benefit thereby, I was perſwaded to ſend for Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, which after I had taken them five Days, threw me into a violent Provocation to make Water continually, with great Pain and Heat, and forcings to go to Stool, and withal made me very weak and feveriſh. This continued for five Days, during which time I could not take the Medicines. But after this finding my ſelf well and hearty, I ventured to take them again. So I continued for three or four Months, always leaving them off when I was ill, and taking them again when I began to be well. In theſe Fits, which returned upon me very often, my Water often ſettled into a white, ſoft, mucous Hypoſtaſis. Sometimes it had a gritty Sediment about the Sides and Bottom of the Urinal. In two or three of theſe Paroxyſms I voided little bloody Bladders, and much bloody Water, and almoſt always ſoft Bits of Skin; and twice at different Times, two little Bits of Stone, not ſo big as the ſmalleſt Pepper Corn.

I do think the Medicines would have done me good, had I been able to have born them, but they were ſo ſtrongly diuretic, that I could neither take them in greater nor leſs Doſes, and even ſince I left them off (which was a Week before Chriſtmas) I have had three or four of the ſame violent Paroxyſms, with much Weakneſs, with bloody Water, with ſtrong Provocations backwards, and Ejection of Bits of *Fæces*, and other painful Symptoms.

The Doſe I took was at firſt half a Dram of the Powder, ſometimes twice, and ſometimes thrice a Day, and almoſt half a Pint of the Decoction, which was made of a Quarter of the Ball, and a Quart of Water with Herbs, *&c.* Afterwards I took but a Scruple, and then leſs.

*J. Harryman.*

*Feb.* 17, 1738-9.

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Mr. GRAYDON, Steward *to the Right Hon. the Counteſs of* Suffolk, Saville-Row. *His Caſe is contained in a Letter to me, dated* February 19, 1738-9.

I Had laſt Summer a ſevere Fit of the Gravel or Stone in my Kidneys, which continued with great Pain for ten Days, when I voided ſix Stones, the largeſt about the bigneſs of a Horſe-Bean. The Pain I ſuffered made me have Recourſe to Mrs. *Stephens*, who by the Symptoms I gave her of my Illneſs, judged my Caſe not bad enough to require either her Powders or her Liquid, but thought the Pills woud be ſufficient. I began to take them in *Auguſt*, tho' at that time I was perfectly free from Pain or Sign of an approaching Fit. The ſecond Day produced a great Quantity of large, coarſe, red Gravel, without the leaſt Pain or Obſtruction in my making Water. This Diſcharge of Gravel, of ſo coarſe a Nature, continued daily, which pleaſed as well as ſurpriſed me. In three Weeks I felt a Pain in my Loins as formerly, tho' not ſo grievous, and as it increaſed upon me, about ſeven in the Evening I drank a Quart of Poſſet-Drink and went to Bed. About Ten I voided an incredible Quantity of coarſe Gravel or rather Stones, with one as large as a big Pea. I then was as eaſy as ever, and went on taking the Pills every Night going to bed, which, as I have ſaid before, never failed the Effect I have mentioned. In order to confirm my Belief, I ſome Nights omitted taking them, and then very little Gravel came from me, but upon my repeating them the uſual Diſcharge followed.

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I took the Pills in this Manner for ten Weeks, 'till I voided no more Gravel, and my Urine became as clear as Water, and remains ſo to this Day. I keep ſome Pills always by me, and every three or four Days take ten of them for two Nights ſucceſſively, but void nothing. Now, Sir, whether theſe Medicines have cauſed a total Diſcharge of Gravel that may have been lodged within me, I leave to your Judgment. If that is the Caſe I account my ſelf happy, and do verily believe all the Good I have received, for the Complaint I am ſpeaking of, is owing to Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicine. *I am*, &c.

*Robert Graydon.*

As it does not appear from the Circumſtances of this Caſe, or indeed of any other, that the Medicines make the Gravel which is voided, it is probable that they bring it away; and therefore that they would have brought more away here, had more remained.

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## CXV.

### Captain HARDWICK, Spilsby, Lincolnſhire.

I Was very much Afflicted with the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys. I got quit of ſeveral Stones, ſome as big as Peas and Beans, and one as big as an Almond, and of that Shape, and very ſeldom free from Pain. And hearing of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicine, I went to *London* on purpoſe to take it, and I took it for above three Months very regularly, and while I was taking it was very free from Pain, and continued ſo for ſome Months after I left it off. But I have had ſome Fits of it ſince, but not ſo ſharp as uſual. If I could have continued taking

taking it, I believe I ſhould have received more Benefit; but the Doſe was ſo large and very nauſeous, and ſo often to be taken, that I could not take it any longer.

*William Hardwick.*

*Feb.* 17, 1738-9.

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## CXVI.

### Mr. MACARTNEY, Merchant *at* Briſtol.

I Begun Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *May* laſt, and continued taking them about ſix Weeks. They agreed well with me, but put me to exceſſive Pain, and the Return ſo quick that I had not Reſolution to go on. I brought off in the time a good deal of Grit, and once a ſmall Piece of a Stone. It was very thin, and looked like a Part of the outward Coat. Before I took the Medicines, about a Year or more, I had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Kidneys, being frequently in Pain tho' not ſo violent, made foul blackiſh Water, and upon uſing the leaſt Exerciſe, either on Horſeback or in a Coach, I made bloody Water. Since I have left off the Medicines I have been very eaſy. I have not uſed any conſiderable Exerciſe, but ſometimes have been abroad in a Coach about three Miles, out on the Downs, and have made no bloody Water. I have great Reaſon to think well of the Medicines, being very ſenſible of having received Benefit from them, and have a great Inclination to take them again, tho' as long as I continue as eaſy and as well as I have been, I doubt I ſhall not have Reſolution enough to undertake that diſagreeable and ſevere Regimen.

*James Macartney.*

*Feb.* 17, 1738-9.

## CXVII.

### Mrs. FRANCIS, Exeter.

WAS Afflicted with calculous Diſorders, took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and received great Benefit from them.

## CXVIII.

### Mr. BINFORD, Merchant *at* Exeter. *His Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year, in the following Words.*

" HE had a Stone taken out of his Bladder by " the Operation, when about ten Years old. " Has had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder " now again, for about ſix Years. A Surgeon at " *Exeter* examined him twice by the Finger in the " *Anus*, and found both Times in the moſt evident " Manner a Stone in the Bladder, which he ima- " gined to be as big as an Egg. Mr. *Binford* per- " ceived the Motions of this Stone during the Exa- " nations, and made bloody Water after one of " them. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines " about the middle of laſt *Auguſt*, and in a ſhort " Time after voided many white Scales, and much " brown Grit in a ſoft and rotten State: Since this " he has voided many irregular Shells of Stone, of " a conſiderable Size, and of ſuch a Thickneſs, as " to conſiſt of ſeveral Coats, from two to ſix in " Number: Many of theſe, when voided, are " covered with a whiteneſs, which being rubb'd off, " the Shell appears to be brown. On the 30th of

" *January*

" *January* he had a ſuppreſſion of Urine; Mr. " *Hawkins* paſſed the Catheter then, and found a " Stone in the Bladder, which he told Mr. *Binford* " he believed to be very ſmall, though he would " not preſume to be certain. Mr. *Binford* has " voided many more Pieces of Stone ſince this, " and Mrs. *Stephens* is in daily Expectation of his " being perfectly well.

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After this Mr. *Binford* voided ſeveral more Pieces, of one of which in particular, he obſerves in a Letter to me, *that it was a large Piece of the Stone, which appeared to him to be part of the very Heart of it. It appeared alſo to be very rotten, was porous, and in Colour like Sponge; and had ſeveral white Particles, working out of ſome of the Pores of it.* He then became perfectly eaſy, and able to uſe all Manner of Exerciſe.

And in a Letter to me, dated from *Exeter*, *May* 24, 1738; he has the following Words. *I have received your Favour of the* 16*th Inſtant, and this Morning got Mr.* Patch *to ſearch me, in the Manner which you deſire, who tells me that he could not feel any Stone, or any Thing like it, as he verily believes he ſhould, if there was any remaining in my Bladder, ſince he felt it ſo very plain formerly, very near the length of his Finger. This, and ſeeing what I brought off, has convinced him of my being Cured, though he would believe nothing of the Matter before I came down. I ſhall be very glad if it may be of any Service to you in ſatisfying thoſe, who find it ſo hard to believe. I was well ſatisfied before, not having found the leaſt Inconvenience in my Journey hither, (though I rode from* Briſtol *at a pretty great Rate, on a hard trotting Horſe,) and continuing perfectly eaſy, ſince I have been here.*

And in another Letter to me, dated *February* 17, 1738-9, he ſays; *That he continues very well and free from any Complaints; and that he never brought off any Scales or Pieces, before he took Mrs.* Stephens's *Medicines, nor ſince.* The Diſcharge of theſe is not therefore likely to have been from meer Accident; nor is there any Evidence of a ſtone-generating Power in this Caſe, but much otherwiſe. Let it be conſidered impartially.

## CXIX.

### Mrs. COLLIER, *at* Mr. Poyntz's, St. James's Palace.

SHE has had ſome Complaints, ſuppoſed to proceed from a Stone in the Kidneys, for ſeveral Years. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, but with frequent Intermiſſions, for a long Time; and always finds herſelf eaſier when ſhe does take them.

## CXX.

### Mr. TUNIMAN, *in* Baſinghall-Street.

WAS Subject to Pains in the Back with Cholic, for ſome Time, but had no Sickneſs or Vomitings. Uſed to void Gravel and Gravel-ſtones very frequently. Then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, upon which he parted with Pieces of a hard laminated Stone, and grew much eaſier. He left them off after eleven Months Uſe, upon

upon finding no more Stone come away. His Complaints have of late increaſed again.

## CXXI.

### Thomas Robinson, Eſq. *late* Secretary *of the* Poſt-Office.

AGED Thirty-nine. Had been much afflicted with the Gout for ſome Years, and finding no Benefit from many Kinds of Phyſic, which he had taken, had a Mind to try Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. This he did for three Months, and during a conſiderable Part of that Time, his Urine ſmelt extremely ſtrong, and depoſited a copious Sediment. He then left off the Medicines, having neither received Benefit nor Harm from the Uſe of them.

## CXXII.

### Mr. Daubuz, Merchant, *in* Throgmorton-Street. *This Caſe was publiſhed laſt Year, in the following Words.*

" HE has been ſubject to void Gravel for a " long Time, and had the following Com- " plaints for about ten Months. Pain along the " Urethra, and at the Neck of the Bladder, eſpe- " cially upon walking much, or going in a Coach. " Violent Pain and Difficulty in making Water: " A ſudden Stoppage very often: Forcing to go " to Stool: Bloody Water upon much Motion. " He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines the firſt " Week of laſt *Auguſt*: Upon this his Water " became

became turbid at the Time of making, and he voided a good deal of red Gravel. He was much better in a Month, free from all Complaints in ſix Weeks, and his Water ceaſed to be turbid at the Time of making, tho' he ſtill continued the Uſe of the Medicines. He left them off in *October*, having voided three ſmall Stones, two flat, and one round, a little before this; and has been perfectly well ever ſince.

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Mr. *Daubuz* continued well till *October* laſt, when he began to have Pain and bloody Urine upon riding in his Coach. Then took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Pills, fifteen in a Day and became eaſier. They ſeemed to bring on a Fit of the Cholic, ſince which he has been much better, the Urine upon that being thick, and he continuing ſo well that he ſays, if he was not to be worſe, he would take no more.

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## CXXIII.

### *My* Own *Caſe.*

IN the Beginning of the Year 1736, upon drinking the *Bath* Waters, I had Pain in the Region of both Kidneys, and in my Journey from *Bath* to *London* on Horſe-back, a Pricking at the Neck of the Bladder with a Difficulty of making Water. In *Summer* 1736, upon drinking the *Tunbridge* Waters, I had alſo ſome Complaints of the ſame Kind, but I do not remember them diſtinctly. In the End of the Year 1736, I had ſeveral Fits of Pain in my right Side, Pain and Difficulty in making Water, and a Pricking at the Neck of the Bladder. In the Beginning of the Year 1737, I began to have great Uneaſineſs at the Neck of the Bladder, in

in the Urethra and Glans, and to make bloody Water upon Motion. I had alſo frequent Stoppages in a full Stream, and an Irritation in *Ano* at the Time of making. I was examined by Mr. *Cheſelden*, but no Stone could be found. However, as the laſt-mentioned Complaints continued, and appeared to be the genuine Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder, and of nothing but a Stone, I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, *May* 7, 1737, having firſt informed myſelf of ſome Facts which made me think them both effectual and ſafe. I have taken them ever ſince with the greateſt Regularity, and have found the following Effects from them. Upon firſt taking them my Water ſeemed to be ſomething hotter than uſual, had a volatile putrid Smell, was turbid and wheyiſh at the Time of making, fermented with various Acids, Mineral and Vegetable, and let fall a white heavy Sediment: And it continues to have the ſame Appearances to this Time, ſometimes in a greater Degree, ſometimes in a leſs. I void alſo at Times angular Bits of Stone, about as big as Pins Heads, moſt of them white and rotten, but ſome brown and hard, and have very frequently ſmall, white, rotten, angular Grit come away, which I take to differ from the white Bits only in Size. And I judge both Bits and Grit to be the Effects of the Medicines, becauſe I never ſaw any Thing of that Kind in my Water till I took them, tho' I had obſerved it carefully for three Months before. About ſix Weeks after I begun, I had a moſt violent Pain in the left Side, ſeeming to ariſe from the Deſcent of a Stone thro' the left Ureter, and the next Day I voided two angular Bits of Stone, not very hard. After this I had ſeveral other Returns of the ſame Kind, only far more gentle, and voided Bits of Stone after moſt of them; but have now felt no Diſorder in that Kidney for eight or ten Months. As to my right Kidney,

Kidney, where my Complaints were in the End of the Year 1736, I have now and then a very ſlight and momentary Pain there, upon bending or raiſing my Body, but no Weight or Heat. In *Oct.* 1737, I was examined a ſecond Time. Mr. *Hawkins* examined me, but could not find a Stone. In *July* 1738, I was examined a third Time, and by Mr. *Hawkins*, with a very large-ſized Catheter, and and while my Bladder (which had been emptied juſt before the two firſt Examinations) was pretty full. He felt a Stone when the Catheter was puſhed into the Bladder as far as the Handle would permit, but loſt it when he drew the Catheter back. About a Week after this Examination I voided ſeveral broad, thin Scales of Stone, which were brown when firſt voided, but grew white afterwards. They were alſo hard and brittle, and ſome of them had diſtinct Coats. And tho' I was entirely convinced by the preceding Examination that I had a Stone; yet I deſired Mr. *Hawkins* to make a Fourth, which he did, *Auguſt* 28, and found the Stone under the ſame Circumſtances as before. In the End of *October* and Beginning of *November* laſt, I voided many more Scales. They were of the ſame Kind, only thicker, and ſeeming to be more brittle, and weighed about ten Grains when dry. I had at this Time great Pain in making Water for about three Weeks, alſo frequent Pricking and Uneaſineſs at the Neck of the Bladder. I voided a few more Scales in *December* laſt, but without any increaſe of Pain.

As to my Complaints they have continued nearly the ſame as for three Months before I begun the Medicines; but I am extremely well, and indeed better in other Reſpects ſince I took them. I have obſerved for ſome Time, that I very ſeldom have a Stoppage, when I bend my Body forwards, at the Time of making Water, but perhaps this would have been the Caſe before, had I tried it. I have

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alſo recollected of late ſeveral ſlight Symptoms, which make me ſuſpect that I have had a Stone in the Bladder for twelve or fourteen Years.

I give ſo particular an Account of myſelf for the Satisfaction of the Public, as more Streſs appears to be laid upon my Caſe than is due to a ſingle one amongſt ſo great a Number. It ſeems to me that the Medicines do from Time to Time leſſen the Stone in my Bladder, tho' in a ſlower Manner than in moſt other Caſes; and as my Perſeverance in them muſt ſatisfy all my Fellow-ſufferers of my Sincerity, ſo I hope for their Sakes as well as my own, that I ſhall not prove to be miſtaken.

*Feb.* 20, 1738-9.

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## CXXIV.

### Mrs. Brown, *in* Theobalds-Court, Theobalds-Row.

HAD been troubled with violent Pain in the Back, and other Symptoms of the Gravel for ſix Months together. Had taken a great Variety of Medicines to no Purpoſe, and was by ſuch a Continuance of Pain reduced to a State of extreme Weakneſs. She begun Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in *April* 1737, and continued them three Months, in which Time ſhe became quite eaſy, and as perfectly well as ever in her Life.

## CXXV.

### Mr. Barrow, *at* Mr. Carter's *in the* Hay-Market.

AGED Sixty-two, has had the Symptoms of the Stone and Gravel about thirty Years. Of late has been much afflicted with violent Pain and Forcings at the Neck of the Bladder, and ſuch frequent Provocations to make Water that he was not able for ſome Time to perform his Buſineſs, and made bloody Water upon walking much. He was examined in the Beginning of *January* 1737-8, by Mr. *Hawkins*, who found a Stone in his Bladder. He began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines in the ſame Month, which at firſt increaſed his Pain; but within a Fortnight brought away great Quantities of black Grit, about the Size of ſmall Muſtard-Seed. This continued to come away three or four Days, after which he grew eaſier. He has voided Grit and Sand ſeveral Times ſince, and has ſtill the ſame Symptoms tho' in a much leſs Degree; for he can Work, and Walk as far *Hampſtead*, without any Inconvenience.

## CXXVI.

### Mr. Gardiner, *at* Mr. Keen's, *a* Tallow-Chandler *in* Fetter-Lane.

IS Sixty Years of Age, and has had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder about ſix Years. For many Months paſt has had ſuch frequent Provocations to make Water, that he could not lie quiet in

in Bed five Minutes together. He had alſo great Forcings to Stool, and made bloody Water upon riding, or walking much. He was examined on the Thirtieth of *December* laſt by Mr. *Nourſe*, who found a Stone in the Bladder; and on the Second of *January* he began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. At firſt they increaſed his Pain, but before he had taken them a Month, he became very eaſy, and has ſince walked as far as the *Royal-Exchange*, without making bloody Water, or finding any Inconvenience; and can paſs a whole Night without an Occaſion of making Water at all. He continues the Medicines, and brings away (beſides a cloudy Sediment in his Urine) a conſiderable Quantity of Grit, both in Size and Colour very much like the common Houſe Sand.

## CXXVII.

### Mr. Samuel Palmer, *at* Mr. Henry Palmer's, Merchant *in* Aldermanbury.

FOR two Years or more I had four or five Fits of the Stone in my Kidneys, and I had Dr. *Wadſworth*, and took it for the Cholic. At laſt I had a Fit, and after it was almoſt over, I went to the Tavern with a Friend, where I had five or ſix Motions to make Water with ſome Pain. At laſt I found ſomething puſh out, and I made Water freely. I looked in the Pot, and found a Stone as big as a Pea. Not long after I voided five or ſix more about the ſame Size; after which I could not hold my Water for about ſix Months, but it came from me involuntarily perpetually, being continually wet, and almoſt a continual forcing to make Water, with ſome Pain. Which being ſo troubleſome, and hearing of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Remedy by ſeveral Hands,

juſt after *Chriſtmas* laſt was Twelve-Months, I came to *Mortlake*, and took it for ten Days, and then went to *London* for three or four Days, and took it for ten Days more. I found it forced my Water for four or five Days pretty much, and then without Pain both Times. After that and ever ſince, I have held my Water very well, and been perfectly well; only I find three or four Times ſince, when I have walked five or ſix Miles, it brings upon me the Forcing of Water and coming of it involuntarily from me for two Days, but reſting cures me. I can walk two or three Miles, and do me no Harm. I have not taken it ſince being very well. It brought no Stone from me, but I thought a ſmall Matter of Gravel.

SAM. PALMER.

Mortlake, *Feb.* 20,
1738-9.

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## CXXVIII.

### Mr. MORAN, *at* Mr. Fitzgerald's *in* Baſing-hall-Street.

I Have taken but few Doſes of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Remedy, by which I found immediate Eaſe from the tormenting Pains I was ſubject to before. Whether proceeding from Gravel, or more probably from the Stone, I don't doubt of being compleatly cured, after I ſhall take a Quantity of that efficacious Medicine proportionable to the Stubborneſs of my Diſtemper.

*Feb.* 16, 1738-9. J. MORAN.

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## CXXIX.

Mr. BULL, Halam, *near* Southwell, Nottinghamſhire.

SINCE I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, I have voided a great deal of Gravel and two Stones, rough and of a whitiſh Colour, and have been better ever ſince.

JOSEPH BULL.

*Feb.* 18, 1738-9.

## CXXX.

THEODORE BRINCKMANN, Eſq. *Valet de Chambre to his* MAJESTY.

HE has been much troubled with Pains in his Back, frequent Irritations to make Water, and a Scalding. Has at Times voided Gravel and Slime, had ſudden Stoppages of Urine in a full Stream, and felt a Provocation to go to Stool when he made Water. He was however, able to ride in a Coach, till at laſt he made bloody Water, and could not bear it any more. And as his Paroxyſms had come upon him for ſome Time, ſo much worſe that he had no Reſt Night or Day, he reſolved to make uſe of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and has now taken them for about five Months. The three or four firſt Days he ſuffered a great deal with the ſharpneſs of Urine, but ever ſince has had much leſs Pain, and makes Water more freely, nor has he the ſudden Stoppages before-mentioned. The Provocations to go to Stool at the Times of making Water,

Water, are likewiſe in a leſs Degree. He voids much Mucus every Night with his Urine, and the Glaſſes in which it is kept have a ſandy Concretion ſticking to their Sides. He has alſo ſeveral Times parted with little, whitiſh, ſolid, rough Pieces of hard Matter. He feels often a Heavineſs with a ſinking and burning at his Stomach, eſpecially in an Evening; which yet he had in a greater Degree, before he began the Medicines. Upon the whole, he is conſiderably Relieved as to his Symptoms, has a good Appetite and is free from Sickneſs; but he ſtill feels that his Kidneys are far from being clear, having from Time to Time Pains in his Back, with an Irritation to make Water and a Scalding.

*Feb.* 22, 1738-9.

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## CXXXI.

*The Rev.* Dr. KIRKPATRICK, Belfaſt *in* Ireland. This Gentleman is an eminent Practitioner in Phyſic, and keeps an exact DIARY of his Caſe. He has favoured me with Letters from Time to Time concerning it, from which I will make Extracts in Order.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's *firſt Letter to me, dated* October 25, 1738.

THESE fifteen or ſixteen Years I have been afflicted with the Gravel in the Kidneys, and after the uſual Paroxyſms of Vomiting, *&c.* and the Uſe of the warm Bath, emollient Clyſters, and internal balſamic Medicines, have paſt divers Stones. The laſt of theſe ſevere Fits was in *July* 1737. I then paſt a ſmall Stone, but have ever ſince that been ſubject to violent Fits of the Strangury, (without

out any Pains in the Kidney) and always found Motion excite theſe Pains. I found ſomething like a ſanious purulent Excretion come along with the Urine, and generally an intenſe Pain in the *Glans Penis*, after paſſing it. Laſt Spring, for a Month, I confined myſelf, and uſed every Day a lenient Cathartic, mixed with ſome Gums, Balſams, and Terebinths, and a little Crude Mercury, which ſucceeded very well in eaſing my Pains and leſſening the purulent Diſcharge.

1738.

*Oct.* 17. I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines.

18. The Urine became rancid, and my Pain increaſed, and was almoſt continual that Day. That Day I paſſed one oblong angular Bit of Stone.

19. Full of white Sediment, and ſo continues to this Day. Frequent Stoppage, great Pain in *Pene* and *Veſicâ*.

20. Frequent Stoppage; paſſed one angular broad Flake of Stone.

21. Leſs Pain; paſſed three Flakes of Stone.

22. Leſs Pain; paſſed many angular Bits, but ſmall. Extreme Pain for half an Hour.

23. A glaſſy Scum on the Urine, continuing to this Day, like a Pellicle. Paſſed more than a Dozen of white Flakes of Stone; ſome of them as broad as a Straw, and twice as long as broad; ſome thicker, but moſt of them like Egg-ſhells. Above twenty ſmall angular Bits. In my Microſcope, the Flakes appear very diſtinctly like Pieces of rotten Rock, rent aſunder.

24. Paſſed as many Flakes of Stone to Day as Yeſterday. Some of them white on one Side and a little reddiſh on the other.

other. I apprehend the white Side is that which lies in the Urine, and the other Side is that which is broke off from the main Stone, whoſe Colour it bears.

25. I continue to Day to paſs the ſame Kind of Flakes and angular Bits.

Thus I have given you an Abſtract of my Diary, which I keep very exactly. I confine myſelf to my Chamber, that by a State of Reſt, the medicated Urine may lie longer upon the Stone. I take very little Liquid, keep a good Appetite and Digeſtion. The Medicines agree very well with me, and I am as regular a Patient as you could wiſh. I believe you will think this Account as Encouraging as you could well expect, in nine Days Uſe. I confeſs the Event has much exceeded my own Expectation. Such as it is I have ſent it, that I might do Juſtice to Mrs. *Stephens*, and alſo to the Public. My Urine ferments with Acids, and turns Syrup of Violets green.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's *ſecond Letter to me, dated* November 8, 1738.

In my laſt of the 25th ult. I gave you an Abſtract of my Diary to that Day. I proceed where I left off.

*Oct.* 25. Paſſed Thirty-ſeven Flakes of Stone, two or three remarkably thicker; one larger than any of the former. Much white Sediment, many angular Bits.

26. Paſſed Seventy-eight Flakes of Stone, many of them equal to the largeſt of the former. Twenty of them paſſed at

at one Diſcharge of Urine. Many angular Bits.

27. Paſſed Sixty-four Flakes, ſome thicker than any of the former. At one Diſcharge of Urine paſſed Twenty-five.

28. Paſſed Ninety Flakes. Some thicker than any of the former. Much white Sediment.

29. Paſſed Thirty-eight Flakes, two of them a quarter of an Inch broad, and twice as long.

30. Paſſed Thirty-four Flakes.

31. Paſſed Fifty-ſix Flakes. Many angular Bits. Some Days I paſſed a greater Number, but conſidering the largeneſs, this exceeds the Quantity of any one Days Evacuation.

*Nov.* 1. Paſſed Twenty-nine Flakes; ſix of them as large as any of the former; one of them exactly in the Shape of a Bean. All I have paſſed are Convex and white on one Side, Concave and Brown on the other.

2. Paſſed ſix Flakes; very little white Sediment.

3. No Flakes or Bits.

4. Paſſed three Flakes as large as any of the former, with ſome few angular Bits.

5. } No Flakes.
6. }

7. One Flake, and one angular Bit.

You may obſerve, that ſince the fourth Inſtant, there is a ſort of a Stop in the Operation of the Medicines, though I take them regularly. Perhaps the outward Coat of the main Stone is come away, and the internal Coat is much harder, and requires more Time to give way, and break or diſſolve. I

 have

have had great Pain after making Water, but eſpecially theſe laſt four Days. I obſerve that in your Paper, recommending Subſcriptions for the Præmium, you ſpeak a little faintly about the white Sediment being a Part of the Stone; upon which I was induced to make the following Experiment. I gathered about a large Tea Spoonful of the white Sediment, and drained the Urine from it as well as I could. I left it three Days in the open Air, and found the Urine evaporated, and the Sediment grown into a ſolid calculous Maſs, which I broke in Pieces and viewed in my Microſcope. And it had the ſame Appearance in all Reſpects with the Flakes of Stone I paſſed, and the one could not be diſtinguiſhed from the other. I think this is an Argument to prove that the white Sediment is really a Part of the Stone, ground into an impalpable Powder.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's *third Letter to me, dated* November 22, 1738.

*Nov.* 8. Paſſed one Flake with ſome ſmall gritty Matter, and white Sediment.

9. Paſſed two little round ſoft Pieces, of the ſame Subſtance with the Flakes, but ſofter; much white Sediment, which after the Filtration of the Urine, concreted into a ſolid calculous Maſs, and had all the Appearances of the Flakes in my Microſcope.

10. Paſſed two Flakes pretty large, one of them of a circular Figure, like the Surface of a Sphere, or like the Top of a Braſs Nail, with a Convex and Concave Side; one ſmall Stone, blackiſh Coloured with Veins of white.

*Nov.* 11.

*Nov.* 11.
12. } Paſſed no Flakes, but divers angular
13. } Bits, with white Sediment, pellucid
14. } Mucus, and very great Pain.
15.

16. Paſſed two large Flakes, both Circular, like that deſcribed the 10th Current, with the largeſt Quantity of white Sediment paſſed in any one Day, ſince I began this Courſe.

17. Seven Flakes all pretty large, one of them having one Side very ſmooth, and the other very rough, but neither Side Convex or Concave. More pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

18. Twenty-three Flakes; two of the circular Kind. Four or five pretty large, of a deep yellow on both Sides. Two of a dark brown on both Sides, the moſt rotten of any I have yet paſſed. Pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

19. Forty-one Flakes. Divers pretty broad and long; but all much thinner, than what I paſſed formerly. Three or four a deeper red than any of the former. Pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

20. Thirty-two Flakes. Four ſmart Fits of Pain by the pellucid Mucus.

21. Twenty-three Flakes. One as large as any before, another in the Shape of a Stone, but very ſoft, ſuſceptible of any Figure. Great Pain with the Mucus. I am paſſing more to Day to be inſerted in my next.

You perceive a great Alteration in the Number, Size, Shape and Colour of the Flakes. I always ſcum off the Film from my Urine, before I filtrate

it; if you neglect it, your Sediment will be more ſaponaceous. Mine was ſo once, but after taking off the Film, the white Sediment always concretes into a calculous Maſs, when the alkaline Urine which firſt pulverized it is duly evaporated, which being extremely volatile, will perfectly evaporate by ſtanding two Days in the open Air.

As the Medicines have ſooner begun to exert their Power in my Caſe, than they generally do in others, there is another Circumſtance very afflicting to me to ballance it: What I mean is, the violent Pain continues without any Alleviation. Though I am now entered into the ſixth Week, I am rather worſe than at any Time ſince I begun. The Pain is through the whole Urethra, eſpecially the *Glans Penis*, the whole *Perinæum*, and the Region of the Bladder. Theſe Pains often continue for half an Hour at a Time, after making Water. When there is a Stoppage and a frequent Inclination to make Water, the Paroxyſms come ſo thick upon me, that there is little Intermiſſion. Some Days I ſhall be pretty eaſy, even after paſſing Water: The pellucid Mucus gives the greateſt Pain. This puts me in Mind of a Paſſage in your firſt Letter to me, *viz.* That the Pain incurred by the Medicines, chiefly affects ſuch as have an Ulcer in the Bladder of ſome ſtanding. *(By this I meant a Diſcharge of Slime attended with Pain, which has generally been called ſo, but a real Ulcer in the Bladder is very rare)* I ſuſpected this to be my Caſe, before I received your Letter, or uſed the Medicines: But the Continuance of the Pain ſo long, increaſes my Suſpicion. I have not paſſed any Matter directly purulent, nor has all my Pain brought any Blood, except two or three ſmall Specks, not exceeding the Quantity of one Gut of Blood. The Mucus is pellucid exactly like a clear tranſparent Jelly, viſcid and envelopped in a thin Pellicle.

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When it ſtands in the open Air a few Hours, it turns into an opake Body, tough and ſkinny. Before I ſuſpected a Stone in the Bladder, I have obſerved on my Linnen ſome Stuff of the ſame Conſiſtency with this Mucus, when reduced into an opake Body, of a browniſh Colour; but then I made no Complaint of Pain in making Water.

Sometimes I imagine this Mucus is no more than the Mucus, ſecreted from the Glands of the Bladder and Urethra, contrived by provident Nature to ſheath the Acrimonious Salts of the Urine, that they might not offend the tender Parts through which they paſs; and that the Alkaline medicated Urine is ſo very deterſive as to wear off and ſcour away this Mucus, leaving the Bladder and Urethra exceeding bare, and conſequently obnoxious to Pains raiſed by the ſtony Particles, angular Bits, and coarſer Part of the Sediment in paſſing. In all other Reſpects I enjoy perfect Health, with a good Appetite and Digeſtion. I long to know the State of the Subſcription, and whether you be able to make any probable Calculation when it will be compleated, that the Public may have the Knowledge of this Glorious INVENTION.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's *fourth Letter to me, dated* December 9, 1738.

*Nov.* 22. Paſſed Sixty-ſix Flakes.
23. Forty-five Flakes.
24. Twenty-one Flakes; one Stone the Bigneſs of a ſmall Pea, with a very rough Surface, of a very red Colour and hard. Can this be the Nucleus of one Stone in the Bladder? For I had no Nephritic Pains or Symptoms.
25. Thirty-four Flakes.

*Nov.* 26. Thirty-

*Nov.* 26. Thirty-nine Flakes. Twice pellucid Mucus, tinged with Blood in the Form of a Silk Thread, about half an Inch long.

27. Forty-five Flakes.

28. Thirty-two Flakes.

29. Thirty Flakes.

30. Three Flakes. Pellucid Mucus, in which one large Gut of Blood was involved.

*Dec.* 1. Paſſed two Flakes.

2. Two Flakes, with pellucid Mucus, tinged with Blood as before.

3. Four Flakes.

4. Two Flakes.

5. Two ſmall Flakes.

6. Two Flakes.

7. Seven Flakes.

8. Eight Flakes. A Day of great and continual Pain, with a Strangury, and a puſhing of the Urine, which I made ſeventeen Times: One Diſcharge was Bloody. At another Diſcharge I paſſed four Drops of Blood coagulated; and this Morning one little Clot of Blood larger than any two of the former Guts. During the paſſing of all theſe Flakes, I have paſſed a great Quantity of ſharp angular Bits. My Pain after making Water ſtill remains. I cannot find any Thing of a purulent Diſcharge. I retain Appetite and Digeſtion.

*In this Fourth Letter* Dr. Kirkpatrick *gives alſo the following Hiſtory.*

MR. *James Steuart*, a Diſſenting Miniſter within three Miles of this Town, has had a Stone (or rather two at leaſt) in the Bladder theſe ſix Years,

Years. In *Spring* 1737, he drunk Half a Pint every Morning and Evening of the following Decoction. *Parſley-Break-Stone (Saxifrage) four Handfuls, and the Ingredients of the Syrup of Marſhmallows. Simmer them in twelve Quarts of Spring-water into eight. To the ſtrained Liquor add one Bottle of white Wine, and one Pound and a Half of Honey. Simmer all together for one Quarter of Hour.* He continued to drink this Decoction for three Months, during which Time he paſſed above one hundred very large Pieces of the Stone, which I ſaw and examined very narrowly. Many of them were the Thickneſs of Half a Straw-breadth, were broader than a Straw-breadth and an Half, and ſome of them three Quarters of an Inch long. The Out-ſide was as ſmooth as poliſhed Marble, and convex; the In-ſide rough and concave. One of them ſtuck in the Urethra eight Days, and was pulled away by the Forceps. He paſſed likewiſe a great deal of Slime. He apprehended the Medicine to be too rough and ſtrong for him, and therefore has not uſed any more of it ſince, but found himſelf eaſier after it than he had been for four Years. By laying together the Pieces he paſſed, we could find out the Dimenſions of one Stone. But there were many other Pieces which when laid together, exhibited a quite different Shape from the former, whence we concluded he muſt have had at leaſt two Stones.

About a Year ago (after he had paſſed theſe calculous Shells) he was informed of a medicated *Scots* Ale, which had brought away a large Stone in the Bladder, in the Form of a fine Sediment in the Urine, from Mr. *Monteeth* Miniſter of *Bury* in *Galloway* in *North-Britain*. The Compoſition was this. Chamomile Flowers, Daucus-Seed, of each two Handfuls; Quicken-Graſs Roots, Eryngo Roots, and Gentian Roots (not the Officinal Gentian but *Meum*)

*Meum)* and Sage, of each one Handful, wrought in four Gallons of *Scots* Ale. Mr. *Steuart* added Parſley-Break-Stone, Juniper-Berries, Elder-Berries and Pellitory of the Wall. This medicated Ale has been his conſtant Drink for a Year paſt, by which he finds great Eaſe, and obſerves in his Urine a very large Sediment, exactly of the ſame Colour with the Shells of Stone which he paſſed. He can walk four or five Miles a Day without bloody Urine, which he could not do for ſome Years before, and hopes the Stone will be gradually brought away in that Sediment. This Experiment encouraged me to uſe the ſame medicated Ale for my ordinary Drink this Month paſt. But conſidering that I was uſing Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, I left out of my Ale the Sage and Elder-Berries, and put in but the half Quantities of the other Ingredients in a middling Ale; which is very fine, and agrees very well with me.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's 5th *Letter to me, dated* Dec. 25, 1738.

*Dec.* 9. Paſſed three ſmall Flakes.
*Dec.* 10. Six ſmall Flakes.
11. Ten Flakes. One as large as any of the former; moſt of them of a middling Size. Many ſtony Particles, and ſmall Bits.
12. No Flakes.
13. Ten Flakes.
14. Three Flakes.
15. Five Flakes.
16. Four Flakes.
17. Six Flakes. One as large as any, perfectly Honey-combed.
18. Eleven Flakes.
19. Nine Flakes.

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22. } Each Day one Flake.
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24.

The principal Thing I am to observe to you is, that these ten Days last past my Pains are much lessened. They are neither so sharp, nor of such Continuance as formerly. Nor do I pass the Half of the pellucid Mucus I did before; whence I conceive Hopes that there is not a proper Ulcer, but the natural Mucus carried and swept off the Bladder and Urethra, with the Sharpness and Acrimony of the medicated Urine. I retain Appetite and Digestion (blessed be God) tho' this Day compleats the tenth Week of my Confinement. I often repeat the Experiment I formerly mentioned of the white Sediment, and it always grows into a solid calculous Concretion, having no Appearance of any Thing that is saponaceous.

*Extract from Dr.* Kirkpatrick's *6th Letter to me, dated* Jan. 20, 1738-9.

From *Dec.* 25 (the Date of my last) to the 16th Instant, I passed but about eight Flakes, but divers little, brown, rotten Bits of Stone; some little, black, hard Bits of Stone; abundance of white Sediment, a good deal of soft Matter like brown Sugar-candy, which by standing hardens a little, but does not appear of a stony Substance; several Pieces browniſh coloured, which appear fibrous, and not stony. I know not what to make of these Things.

On the 16th Instant I passed with Difficulty, with some Blood, and a good deal of Pain, a large Stone of an irregular Figure, with five or six Sides, which looked like the Sides of a Nutmeg rasped

with a Grater, or a File, but much ſmoother. It weighed four Grains, and is of an hard Subſtance. When I paſſed it, it was of an Aſh-colour, but it now has a little yellowiſh Caſt. The ſame Day I paſſed a very ſmall Stone, of a light-browniſh Colour, almoſt an exact Cube, with very ſharp Angles, and the Sides rougher than the big Stone. The next Day I paſſed another Stone, as large as the biggeſt of the former, and exactly of the ſame Weight, Colour, Smoothneſs, and Solidity with it, but of a very different Figure; upon the Main, it is neareſt to a Triangle, with Sides as if taken off with a File. This laſt I paſſed with little or no Pain, tho' it muſt have extended the Urethra more than the former. On the 18th I paſſed a ſmall but longiſh Bit of ſolid Stone of the ſame Colour with the former, which I take to be a Piece broke off from one larger, yet remaining in the Bladder. And I am perfectly ſenſible by ſeveral Poſtures of my Body, that there is ſuch a Remainder there. I am of Opinion that thoſe poliſhed Sides were made by the medicated Urine, pulverizing the Stone, and ſending it off in the white Sediment. I have had no Nephritic Pains ſince *July* 1737, and therefore conclude theſe Stones have been lying in the Bladder long before I begun my Medicines; that the outward Laminæ have been carried off in Flakes, and their Corners and Ridges ſmoothed by the Medicines. I have ſtrong Hopes that the Remainder, as ſoon as it is pared and grated into a paſſable Shape, will ſoon be diſcharged. I walk every Day in my Chamber near an Hour without any Inconveniency, and can go up and down Stairs pretty nimbly without Pain. I continue (bleſſed be God) to paſs my Urine with little or no Pain. I enjoy Appetite and Digeſtion.

AN

# ABSTRACT

OF SOME

# EXPERIMENTS

Publiſhed laſt Year, with

## TEN of the foregoing CASES.

" I. SINCE I have taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, my Urine has been of a more " urinous Smell than uſual; turbid at the " Time of making, and *alkaline*, that is, it turns Syrup of Violets green, and ferments with the following acid Liquors, Oil of Vitriol, Spirit of Vitriol, " Oil of Sulphur, Spirit of Nitre, Spirit of Sea-Salt, " Vinegar, and Lemon-Juice. And as far as I " can judge, the Caſe is the ſame with all who take " theſe Medicines. This I thought very remarkable when I firſt obſerved it, and began to hope, " that Urine, which was ſo different from common " Urine, might have different Effects upon Stones " in the Kidneys and Bladder. And I have lately " been informed, that even common Urine, when " it putrifies, that is, turns *alkaline* by being kept, " will diſſolve and take up the calculous Incruſtations, upon the Sides and Bottoms of Chamber-pots.

" II. In order to ſatisfy myſelf the better in this " Affair, I thought it not amiſs to try what Effects

" my Urine, thus rendered *alkaine* by the Medi-
" cines, would have upon Stones taken from a human
" Body, by digesting them in it with gentle Heat.
" For this Purpose I took the Stones A and B, and
" sawed each of them into Four Pieces, nearly of the
" same Shape and Size. A, was a white hard Stone
" of an uniform Substance throughout. It consist-
" ed of Coats indeed, but these were all, as far as
" one could judge, perfectly alike. B, was a brown
" Stone; its Shell was hard and knotted, but the
" internal Parts were much softer. I called the se-
" veral Pieces A 1, B 1; A 2, B 2; A 3, B 3;
" A 4, B 4; in order to denote thereby the several
" Liquors in which each was digested; 1 stand-
" ing for *New-River* Water; 2, for a Mixture of
" Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powder and *New-River* Water; 3,
" for common Urine; and 4, for my own *alkaline*
" Urine. I then digested all these Pieces of Stone
" for a Week in their respective Liquors, with a
" gentle Heat. This Heat was intended to have
" been the same as that of Urine in the Bladder;
" but my Contrivances not being good, it was at
" different Times, both considerably greater, and
" considerably less. I examined them pretty often,
" and recruited the Liquors as they wasted, with
" others of the same Kind. Two or three Days
" after they were put into Digestion, I observed
" that A 4 had some white Scales lying upon its
" Surface in several Parts, which fell off upon being
" press'd with my Nail. After a Week's Digesti-
" on, I took them out, and rubbed them all with
" a Cloth. They were then laid in a Window till
" they became perfectly dry. And the following
" Table shews the Effects which the several Li-
" quors had upon them.

| | | Weights when put in. | | Weights when dry. | | Loſs. | | Proportional Loſs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1 Grains | 308½ | — | 304½ | — | 4 | — | 0,012. |
| A | 2 —— | 276 | — | 273 | — | 3 | — | 0,010. |
| A | 3 —— | 219½ | — | 220½ | Gain | 1 | — | 0,004. |
| A | 4 —— | 213½ | — | 191 | — | 22½ | — | 0,105. |
| B | 1 —— | 257 | — | 243 | — | 14 | — | 0,054. |
| B | 2 —— | 227 | — | 217 | — | 10 | — | 0,044. |
| B | 3 —— | 222 | — | 223½ | Gain | 1½ | — | 0,006. |
| B | 4 —— | 212½ | — | 190 | — | 22½ | — | 0,105. |

" III. By this Table it appears, that the Pieces " A 4, B 4 in my *alkaline* Urine, had loſt more " than any of the others; A 1, B 1, in *New-River* " Water, more than A 2, B 2 in the Mixture of " Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powder and *New-River* Water; " and that A 3, B 3 in common Urine had receiv- " ed a ſmall Addition. That my *alkaline* Urine " ſhould occaſion the greateſt Loſs, is a Preſump- " tion in favour of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines; that " the *New-River* Water ſhould have a greater Ef- " fect, than the Mixture of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powder " and *New-River* Water, was owing, I believe, to " the Powder's adhering cloſely to the Stones in ſe- " veral Parts; which both kept the Water from " coming freely in Contact with the Stones, and " alſo added to their Weight; and the Increaſe of " Weight in A 3, B 3, is an Appearance of the " ſame Kind with the Growth of Stones in the " Body. And upon examining A 3 accurately, I " perceived that it had got an exceeding thin Coat " in ſeveral Parts, which ſeparated eaſily, and " which I ſuppoſed to be an Accretion from the " ſtony Particles of the common Urine, in which it " had been digeſted.

" IV. After

" IV. After this I waſhed the ſeveral Pieces of " the Stone A, and rubbed them well with a Bruſh " ſo as to take off all looſe Parts; I took out the " ſoft internal Parts of the Pieces of B, reſerving " proper Portions of each of the hard Shells; I " ſawed the Stones C, D, and E, into four Pieces " each, of nearly the ſame Shape and Size, and F " into Two; I took two Pieces of the white Shell " G, two of the brown Nucleus H, and gave them " all Names as in the following Table, in which 1, " denotes *New-River* Water, as before; 2, Mrs. " *Stephens*'s Liquid; 3, common Urine, as before; " and 4, my own *alkaline* Urine, as before. Theſe " Pieces were digeſted for a Week, in the Manner " above-mentioned, excepting that the Liquors were " now changed every Morning, and all the Pieces " rubbed at the ſame Time with a wet Sponge. " They were rubbed alſo when taken out as clean " as could be without Violence, and then laid in a " Window till they were perfectly dry. And the " following Table ſhows the Effects which the ſeve- " ral Liquors had upon them.

A 1 Grains

| | Weights when put in. | Weights when dry. | Loss. | Proportional Loss. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A 1 | Grains 304 | 288 | 16 | 0,052. |
| A 2 | 272½ | 228 | 44½ | 0,163. |
| A 3 | 219 | 216½ | 2½ | 0,011. |
| A 4 | 190½ | 151½ | 39 | 0,204. |
| B 1 | 71½ | 61½ | 10 | 0,139. |
| B 2 | 68½ | 50 | 18½ | 0,270. |
| B 3 | 63½ | 62 | 1½ | 0,023. |
| B 4 | 63 | 45 | 18 | 0,285. |
| C 1 | 162½ | 150½ | 12 | 0,073. |
| C 2 | 155 | 132 | 23 | 0,148. |
| C 3 | 132 | 130½ | 1½ | 0,011. |
| C 4 | 122 | 109 | 13 | 0,106. |
| D 1 | 47 | 36 | 11 | 0,234. |
| D 2 | 42½ | 36½ | 6 | 0,141. |
| D 3 | 42 | 42 | | |
| D 4 | 29 | 27½ | 1½ | 0,054. |
| E 1 | 50 | 44½ | 5½ | 0,110. |
| E 2 | 36 | 27 | 9 | 0,250. |
| E 3 | 36 | 36 | | |
| E 4 | 32½ | 26½ | 6 | 0,184. |
| F 3 | 30 | 30 | | |
| F 4 | 23½ | 18½ | 5 | 0,212. |
| G 3 | 9 | 9 | | |
| G 4 | 6 | 6 | | |
| H 3 | 3 | 3 | | |
| H 4 | 2½ | 1½ | and a little more. | |

" V. By this Table it appears, that the Stones " had loſt much more in general by this Week's Digeſtion

" Digeſtion, than by the former; which without
" doubt was owing in great Meaſure to my having
" rubbed them every Morning with a wet Sponge;
" and it was alſo upon this account, I ſuppoſe, that
" ſome of the Pieces in common Urine had loſt a
" little. However, the great Difference of Loſs in
" the ſeveral Pieces of the ſame Stone could not
" ariſe from this Cauſe: and the rubbing them
" gave me an Opportunity of obſerving the Man-
" ner in which the ſeveral Liquors acted upon the
" Stones. This was in general, giving a White-
" neſs to the Surface of the Stones, which, when it
" was rubbed off, left the Stone of its former Co-
" lour; but in thoſe which were moſt affected, ſoft
" white Scales fell off upon being rubbed, and
" ſome of them were corroded, and honey-combed.
" Thus the Pieces in *New-River* Water had a
" Whiteneſs upon their Surface, and the Water
" itſelf became milky; A 2, A 4, C 2, C 4, F 4,
" and H 4, had all loſt white Scales; B 2, E 2
" and E 4 were all pretty much corroded; D 2
" a little corroded; B 4 was corroded within, and
" at the ſame Time its knotted external Surface
" rendered ſmooth; D 4 had its brown Surface
" turned white, but G 4 ſeemed not to have been
" affected at all.

" VI. In order to ſatisfy myſelf ſtill farther,
" I took all the foregoing Stones, H 3 and H 4
" excepted, which were loſt by Reaſon of their
" ſmallneſs; and digeſted them again in their re-
" ſpective Liquors, having now got a Contrivance,
" by which they were kept in a Heat, not differing
" materially from that of Urine in the Bladder. I
" got alſo two ſmall round Stones from the Reverend
" Dr. *Hales*, which were both taken out of the Blad-
" der of the ſame Perſon, and which the Doctor
" judged to be very hard ones, and called them
" I 3 and I 4. I 3 weighed Twenty-five Grains

and

" and an half, and was put into common Urine;
" I 4 weighed Twenty-one Grains and a half,
" and was put into my own *alkaline* Urine. I be-
" gan the Digeſtion *July* 26. The Liquors were
" changed every Day during the whole Digeſtion,
" and the Stones all rubbed with a wet Sponge
" every Day for the firſt ten Days; then once in
" three or four Days till *Sept.* 3, but after that not
" at all. And the following Table ſhews the Day
" on which each Stone was either ſo far waſted as
" not to be found, or reduced to ſuch a Size, as to
" be in Danger of being confounded with the
" ſmall Pieces, which fell from the reſt.

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| E 2 | *Aug.* 24. |
| D 1 | 27. |
| B 2 | 30. |
| D 2 | *Sept.* 8. |
| B 1 | 9. |
| B 4 | 9. |
| D 4 | 12. |
| F 4 | 24. |
| G 4 | 24. |
| C 2 | *Sept.* 27. |
| E 4 | 27. |
| I 4 | *Oct.* 11. |
| C 1 | 15. |
| E 1 | 15. |
| A 2 | 15. |
| A 1 | 31. |
| A 4 | *Nov.* 5. |

" I omitted to ſet down the Day, on which C 4
" was judged to be waſted; but I remember, that
" it was not till towards the latter End of the Di-
" geſtion.

" VII. All this Time the ſeveral Pieces in com-
" mon Urine continued entire, and even had In-

" cruſtations upon them. I took them out *Nov.* " 5, and having weighed them *Nov.* 15, when " they were perfectly dry, found that they had all " received an Increaſe of Weight, as in the follow- " ing Table:

| | | Grains. |
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| A 3 | had gained | 17½. |
| B 3 | - - - - | 16. |
| C 3 | - - - - - | 18. |
| D 3 | - - - - - | 7½. |
| E 3 | - - - - - | 4. |
| F 3 | - - - - | 4. |
| G 3 | - - - - - | 2. |
| I 3 | - - - - | 2. |

" VIII. The Manner in which the other Pieces " waſted, was in general the ſame as that which is " deſcribed above in the 6th Paragraph, excepting " that thoſe in *New-River* Water became after ſome " Time as much honey-combed as the reſt, and " waſted as faſt; that D 4 and G 4 remained un- " altered to Appearance for a long Time, and then " grew quite rotten in a few Days; and that I 4, " the ſmall hard Stone given me by Dr. *Hales*, had " ſeveral Cracks in it, after about a Month's Di- " geſtion.

" IX. Beſides theſe I made ſeveral other Experi- " ments, the Reſult of which it may not be im- " proper juſt to mention.

" X. I digeſted different Pieces of the ſame " Stones in my own *alkaline* Urine, with different " Heats; the one, that of Urine in the Bladder, " the other ſo great, that I could not bear my " Hand at reſt in it; and I found, that the leſs Heat " had the greater Effect.

" XI. I boil'd different Pieces of the ſame Stones " in common Water, my own *alkaline* Urine, and " common Urine, for five Hours each. Thoſe in

Water

" Water and my Urine waſted conſiderably, and " the Surface of the laſt was turned white and ſoft; " but thoſe in common Urine had little Effect pro- " duced upon them.

" XII. I digeſted different Pieces of the ſame " Stones in common Water, the diſtilled Water of " Water-Pepper, the Juice and the Decoction of it; " and found that common Water had a greater " Effect than any of theſe. The Heat in this and " all the following Experiments did not differ ma- " terially from that of Urine in the Bladder.

" XIII. I digeſted Pieces of Stones taken from " the human Bladder, from the Bladders of Dogs, " and the Stomachs of Horſes, in *Thames* Water, and " in Pump Water, and found, that both the Waters " diſſolved all the human Stones intirely, and waſted " the others very much; but the *Thames* Water " had the quickeſt Effect. The Waters were chang- " ed every Morning, at which Time I obſerved, " that the Pump-Water poured on the Day be- " fore, had always ſome Bubbles upon it. Some " of the human Stones were cracked during the " Diſſolution.

" XIV. I digeſted Pieces of the ſame Dogs and " Horſes Stones in common Urine, and my own " *alkaline* Urine; but did not obſerve any Effect, " except that one of the Dog's Stones ſeemed a " little ſoftened by my Urine.

" XV. I digeſted a large Kidney-ſtone, two " Pieces that had been boiled in my *alkaline* Urine, " and a round hard Stone in common Urine, which " was a Mixture of different Urines. The Kidney- " ſtone and the two Pieces loſt ſomething of their " Weight. The round hard Stone grew black at " firſt, but whether it was waſted or not, I cannot " determine from its Appearance, and I had not " weighed it. The Surface of the Kidney-ſtone " was rendered ſo brittle, that large Scales broke off

" with very little Force, but they were neither
" white nor ſoft.

" XVI. I digeſted a large Kidney-ſtone of the
" ſame Shape, Size and Texture, with the forego-
" ing, and taken out of the other Kidney of the
" ſame Perſon, with twelve different Stones, or
" Pieces of Stones, in the *alkaline* Urine of a Gen-
" tleman, who took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines.
" They all waſted very faſt, excepting one Piece,
" which received a ſmall Addition. It was Iron-
" coloured, and exceedingly hard, as I found by
" ſawing it. It appeared to me, that this Gentle-
" man's Urine had in general a quicker Effect than
" my own. The Stones mentioned in this, the 10th,
" 13th, 14th and 15th Paragraphs, were none of
" them rubbed.

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I will now make ſome CONCLUSIONS from the WHOLE.

## Firſt CONCLUSION.

MRS. STEPHENS's *Medicines muſt in general be Innocent and Safe.*

For though ſo large a Number have taken them, in ſuch Quantities, and for ſuch Lengths of Time, yet very few ſeem to have received any Injury from them; which is as much as can be ſaid of any *efficacious* Medicine.

## Second CONCLUSION.

*Theſe Medicines have done great Service in the Stone and Gravel.*

This is abundantly manifeſt from the foregoing Caſes; and one may venture to ſay, that no *ſuch* Caſes were ever produced before. Where the Perſons are Aged or Infirm, or have Stones in the Kidneys, little Relief is to be had from the common Methods. The chief Dependance is upon Opiates, which yet are attended with many Inconveniencies, and often prove ineffectual to remove the Pains, or prevent a lingering miſerable Death. And even where the Patient has a Stone in his *Bladder*, and is healthy in other Reſpects, ſtill the Medicines are certainly preferable to Cutting on many Accounts. Beſides, if theſe Medicines were under the Direction of Phyſicians, and the Patients themſelves conſtant in taking, and regular in other Particulars, there is no Doubt but more Good would be done thereby. Though Mrs. *Stephens* may be extremely Careful, and very well acquaint-

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ed both with the Uſes of her own Medicines, and the common Symptoms of the Stone; yet ſhe cannot be expected to have any Knowledge in the other Branches of Phyſic; which yet is often neceſſary in this Diſtemper. And as it has not been proper for me to publiſh the ſeveral Neglects, Irregularities and Infirmities of particular Perſons, great Allowances ought to be made both to Mrs. *Stephens*, and to her Medicines, on thoſe Accounts. However as it is, the foregoing Caſes plainly ſhew, that the Medicines have done great Service in the Stone and Gravel, and thereby determine the firſt Enquiry in their Favour.

## Third Conclusion.

*Theſe Medicines do not make the Flakes and Fragments voided by thoſe that take them.*

That they *do*, has been objected by many, ſo that it is neceſſary for me to be particular in anſwering this Objection. And,

I. It appears by the foregoing Experiments, that the medicated alkaline Urine has no ſuch incruſting concreting Power, as this Objection ſuppoſes, but the contrary.

II. The medicated Urine is volatile, putreſcent and alkaline; which Qualities are oppoſite to the Notion of an incruſting concreting Power, as they are Evidences of an intimate attenuation of the Particles, and of a Diſpoſition to recede from each other.

III. Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders taken ſeparately are diuretic, and Cure the Gravel; ſo that *they* cannot be ſtone-generaters.

IV. Soap, which ſeems to be the other Part of the Medicines, is given by the beſt Phyſicians in the Gravel, and therefore neither can *that* be a

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ſtone-generater. One may add, that an *ordinary* ſtone-generater could hardly retain its Efficacy, when joined to ſo large a Quantity of Soap as the Medicines contain; and that the *Whole* of them is diuretic as well as the *Parts*.

V. Mrs. *Stephens*'s Patients void entire Stones very frequently; which it is not likely that a ſtone-generating Urine would permit; unleſs we ſuppoſe that it makes theſe too, as well as the Flakes and Fragments.

VI. It is difficult to conceive how ſuch various ſorts of Flakes and Fragments, ſo exactly reſembling the broken Pieces of Stones of ſeveral Kinds, ſhould be voided not only by different Perſons, but even by the ſame Perſon, under the Uſe of ſtone-generating Medicines. One may eaſily imagine that the ſame Perſon, uſing ſometimes one Diet, ſometimes another, ſhould have Stones or Coats of Stones of different Natures formed within him, (which differences are found upon examining Stones), and that theſe when they are diſſolved, ſhould come away in Pieces of different Shapes, Colours and Hardneſſes; but that ſo powerful a ſtone-generater, as theſe Medicines muſt be, if they make the Flakes and Fragments mentioned in the foregoing Caſes, ſhould in the ſame Perſon and under the ſame Circumſtances produce ſo great a Variety, is not to be conceived. One might ſay, that nothing leſs than a ſtone-diſſolving Urine can Account for this.

VII. If the Medicines made the Flakes and Fragments, theſe would continue to come away as long as the Medicines were taken; but the contrary to this appears from the Caſes.

VIII. The Form of many of the Flakes ſhews, that they muſt have been ſeparated from the Surface of a Stone; and yet they have come away ſo ſoon after the firſt Uſe of the Medicines, in ſome Caſes, that

that there could not well be Time ſufficient for their previous Incruſtation.

IX. The previous Incruſtation and ſubſequent Separation, are of a Nature ſo contrary to each other, that one does not know how to reconcile them; and eſpecially where the Flakes are voided from Day to Day, for a long Time together. I appeal to the Caſes themſelves.

X. It is not to be imagined, that any Number of Perſons ſhould either become free from their uneaſy Senſations, Pains and other Complaints, in the Uſe of diuretic irritating Medicines, or continue ſo when they return to their wonted Exerciſes, Occupations and Ways of Living, if they had, not only all their original Stone within them, but even more from the ſtone-generating Urine.

## Fourth Conclusion.

*The Caſes of thoſe that take theſe Medicines, cannot be accounted for from Accident.*

For this I appeal to the History of the Diſtemper; by which it will appear, that there are no accidental Inſtances where Perſons firſt void *white rotten* Scales and Fragments, in the Quantity, Manner and Variety, mentioned in the Caſes, then entire Stones, or large ſolid Pieces; and laſtly grow free from their Complaints. Or, allowing this did happen, once in a thouſand Times, ſtill it would not Account for the *large* Number of extraordinary Caſes of that Kind here publiſhed. If a ſingle Inſtance has a Thouſand to One againſt it, a conſiderable Number has many Millions of Millions, *&c.* as is well known. It is common indeed for calculous Perſons to void Gravel-ſtones, or entire ones of a harder Kind, and ſometimes Scales and Fragments come away, as may be ſeen in the foregoing Accounts: But then, theſe Scales and Fragments

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are never *white and ſoft*, as in Mrs. *Stephens*'s Patients; and are ſeldom followed by an entire Stone, or Relief from the Complaints. Beſides, it is reaſonable to think, that even in theſe Inſtances, there has been ſome previous alteration in the Diet, or ſome Medicines taken, whereby the natural Urine has acquired a ſmall Degree of a diſſolving Power; ſo that theſe Diſcharges of Flakes and Fragments cannot be aſcribed to meer Accident. But there is no Occaſion to purſue this Matter further. No Body can have ſeen what Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Binford*, *&c.* have brought off, or believe the Accounts here related, without perceiving immediately, that the medicated Urine muſt either make or deſtroy Stone, in a very extraordinary Manner. And accordingly, I find that the Flakes and Fragments, voided by Mrs. *Stephens*'s Patients, are more generally aſcribed to a ſtone-generating Power than to Accident.

## Fifth Conclusion.

*The Urine of thoſe that take theſe Medicines, has a ſtone-diſſolving Power.*

For it has not a ſtone-generating one by the third Concluſion, and yet by the fourth it brings off Flakes and Fragments, in a Manner not to be accounted for from Accident: There is therefore nothing left but a ſtone-diſſolving Power, to which theſe Effects *can be* aſcribed.

But the ſtone-diſſolving Power of the medicated Urine, admits alſo of a *direct* Proof, if the ſame Facts which conclude againſt the ſtone-generating one and Accident, be conſidered a little differently. And indeed I have ſpent ſo much Time upon theſe two Suppoſitions, meerly out of Regard to the Opinions of others, neither of them appearing to me to have the leaſt Evidence or Probability. I

will endeavour therefore, in what follows, to place this Affair in a more natural Light. And,

I. It appears from the Experiments of Monſ. *Littre*, in the Memoirs of the Royal Academy, for the Year 1720, from thoſe of Dr. *Hales*, in his Hæmaſtaticks, and from what I have here publiſhed, that common Water of ſeveral Sorts, is able to diſſolve a Variety of Stones taken from the Human Body. This ſhews, that an acrimonious Menſtruum is not *neceſſary* for that Purpoſe; and that even the meer aqueouſneſs of Urine may perhaps have a diſſolving Efficacy, if its concreting, incruſting Quality could be firſt deſtroyed.

II. The putrid Smell and alkaline Quality of the Urine of thoſe that take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, make it probable, that this concreting, incruſting Quality is actually deſtroyed in it; and favour its diſſolving Power. For Putrefaction is one kind of Diſſolution, and is very apt to propagate itſelf in contiguous Bodies; and alkaline Salts are powerful Solvents. Since alſo Wine in becoming Vinegar takes up its own Tartar, and the Mineral Water in putrefying take up their own hard Incruſtations or Tartars, as Dr. *Hales* has aſſured me; it ſeems probable from Analogy, that putrid Urine ſhould alſo diſſolve its Tartar, that is, the Gravel and Stones generated by it; and there have been ſeveral Experiments made upon putrid *natural* Urine which confirm this. So that it ſeems not at all improbable, that Medicines which render the Urine putreſcent and alkaline, while in the Body, ſhould firſt deſtroy its concreting incruſting Quality, and then convert it into a ſolvent for the Stones in the Kidneys and Bladder, ſo as either to make them come away in rotten Flakes and Fragments, or moulder and waſte by Degrees.

III. It

III. It appears from the foregoing Experiments, that my own medicated alkaline Urine did in Fact diſſolve ſeveral Stones, under Circumſtances not materially different from thoſe of Stones in the Body; and at the ſame Time, that common natural Urine increaſed correſponding Pieces of the ſame Stones under the ſame Circumſtances; agreeably to what *it* does in the Body: Nor was the rubbing them with a wet Spunge the total Cauſe of their Waſting. For they continued to waſte after I had left that off; and the Stones in common Urine, which were rubbed exactly at the ſame Times and in the ſame Manner, had Incruſtations upon them, and grew larger. Beſides, the alkaline Urine of another Perſon diſſolved Stones which were never rubbed at all; and which had therefore a manifeſt *Diſadvantage* in Reſpect of Stones in the Bladder, ſince theſe muſt undergo ſome Friction from the Motions of the Body and Parts adjacent. From all which it follows, that the medicated Urine has in Fact a diſſolving Power.

IV. The ſame Power appears alſo from what is voided during the Uſe of the Medicines. The Reader may here call to Mind the various Phraſes and Reſemblances, which have occured to different Perſons in deſcribing their Caſes, and which yet have a remarkable Uniformity and Conſiſtency with each other, ſo as to agree in being Marks and Evidences of a diſſolving Power. The Subſtances voided are Grit, Gravel, Sand, Chips, Flakes, Scales, Shells, Crumbs, Bits, Fragments, large ſolid Pieces, and entire Stones; and theſe laſt have in ſome Caſes been covered with Parts like to thoſe which were voided juſt before. The Shapes and Sizes have all imaginable Varieties: The Colours are white for the moſt Part, but ſometimes grey, yellow, brown and black; and though the Pieces are in general ſoft and rotten, like *ſcrapings of Chalk*,

*ſlaked Lime*, *rotten Wall*, &c. yet ſeveral come away hard, as being of a harder Nature originally, or leſs acted upon by the Urine. Some Pieces have alſo been hard in one Part, ſoft in another, white on the Convex outſide, and brown on the Concave inſide, and a few were Honey-combed. Which Particulars, if they be compared with one another, as alſo with the Whiteneſs and Softneſs of the Scales and outer Surfaces of the Stones diſſolved in the Experiments, and with their being corroded and Honey-combed, may ſurely ſatisfy any one of the diſſolving Power of the medicated Urine.

And though the white Sediment would of itſelf be little or no Evidence, yet it agrees very well with the other Evidences, and favours them in ſome Degree. For it is ſometimes hard and ſtony, and the moſt Spongy may contain ſome ſmall Proportion of ſtony Particles ground very fine; ſo that no Objection can be brought againſt the diſſolving Power, from thoſe Perſons who void no Scales or Fragments, but only the white Sediment; ſince it may be the Nature of ſome Stones to come away only in an impalpable Form; and there ſeem to be ſeveral Inſtances of this in the Caſes. It ſeems alſo that the conſtituent Parts of the red Gravel and Gravel-ſtones, voided ſo conſtantly by many Perſons, are attenuated by the medicated Urine, rendered incapable of running into Concretions, and brought off with the white Sediment, ſince the ſame Perſons ceaſe to void theſe, during the Uſe of the Medicines.

What the Whole of this white Sediment, ſo common in Mrs. *Stephens*'s Patients is, I cannot ſay, for want of more accurate and deciſive Obſervations. But I will freely give the Reader my beſt Conjectures concerning it. That it is not all Stone, is moſt certain; the Quantity is far too great; and it is in many Caſes light, ſpongy, alkaline and ſaponaceous.

naceous. I judge therefore, that it conſiſts partly of the alkaline Salt of the Medicines, with a ſmall Portion of their Oil, partly of the Mucus of the urinary Paſſages, partly of the Tartar of the Urine, and partly of actual Stone putrefied, all in different Proportions according to the Varieties of Caſes. And I think there can be no doubt made, but that Medicines which cauſe ſuch Quantities of Stone to come off in rotten Flakes and Fragments, muſt bring away *ſome* in an impalpable Form, along with the white Sediment. Since alſo it is moſt likely that the hardeſt Stones are formed by the Attractions and Coheſions of the ſmalleſt Particles, it follows by Parity of Reaſon, that theſe will rather waſte inſenſibly, than be diſcharged in Flakes and Fragments, and that they require the longeſt Time, both for their Growth and Diſſolution. However, it is reaſonable to think that the medicated Urine will conſume them at laſt: And whoever voids the leaſt Bit of hard Matter during the Uſe of the Medicines, may be aſſured that it is the Fragment of a Stone, ſince the medicated Urine does moſt effectually prevent all new Concretions.

V. The Examinations of Mr. *Binford*, and the Appearances of Mr. *Thomas*'s Stone, are ſtrong Preſumptions of a diſſolving Power. As to Examinations by the Catheter, a ſmall Number is not much to be depended upon, ſince it appears by Mr. *Ravenell's* Caſe, that Mr. *Cheſelden* miſſed a Stone three Times ſucceſſively. But then his finding it the fourth Time will not prove againſt the diſſolving Power, becauſe it might have been bigger, or Mr. *Ravenell* have had more than one.

VI. The Relief found by many Perſons, during the Uſe of Medicines which are irritating, argues that the Surfaces of the Stones were ſoftened; and the entire removal of their Complaints at laſt could hardly have happened, unleſs the Stones were quite

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conſumed or much waſted in ſuch Caſes. Nor does the continuance of the Complaints for a long Time, notwithſtanding the Uſe of the Medicines, or a return after they have been left off, prove againſt their diſſolving Power. Some Stones may waſte without being rendered much ſofter; the urinary Paſſages may be particularly tender, or the medicated Urine particularly acrimonious; and thoſe who leave off taking, may do it before all is come away, or may have a new Stone generated ſoon after, *&c.* Beſides, one cannot but ſee that the ſeveral Neglects and Irregularities which happen in all Caſes of this Kind, muſt often prevent the good Effects of the Medicines. It is not at all new or wonderful, that the beſt Remedies fail in many Caſes, on various Accounts; but there is hardly a Poſſibility that diuretic irritating Medicines ſhould do Service in the Stone, unleſs they had a diſſolving Power. And thus the firſt Enquiry affords Light in the ſecond, and both are determined in Favour of the Medicines.

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FOR MAKING

Mrs. STEPHENS's *MEDICINES* Public.

" I. IT is propoſed, That the Sum of five thouſand " Pound be raiſed by Contribution; that ſuch " Perſons as are willing to encourage the Deſign " pay their own Contributions with thoſe of their " Friends and Acquaintance into the Hands of Sir " *Francis Child* Banker at *Temple-Bar*, or Mr. " *Drummond* Banker at *Charing-Croſs*, and that Sir " *Francis Child* and Mr. *Drummond* veſt every thou- " ſand Pound, as it ariſes, in *South Sea* Annuities, in " the Names of his Grace Dr. *John Potter*, Lord " Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; the Right Honourable " the Earl of *Godolphin*, Lord Privy Seal; his " Grace the Duke of *Richmond* and *Lenox*; his " Grace the Duke of *Montague*; the Right Ho- " nourable the Earl of *Pembroke*; the Right Ho- " nourable the Earl of *Scarborough*; the Right Ho- " nourable the Lord Viſcount *Lonſdale*; the Right " Reverend Dr. *Martin Benſon*, Lord Biſhop of " *Glouceſter*; the Right Reverend Dr. *Thomas Secker*, " Lord Biſhop of *Oxford*; the Right Honourable " the Lord *Baltimore*; the Right Honourable *Ar-* " *thur Onſlow*, Eſq; Speaker of the Houſe of Com- " mons; the Right Honourable *Stephen Poyntz*, " Eſq; The Honourable *Thomas Townſhend*, Eſq; " Dr. *Shaw*, and Dr. *Hartley*, as Truſtees and " Judges between the Publick and Mrs. *Stephens*.

" II.

" II. THAT as ſoon as five thouſand Pounds " are thus raiſed, Mrs. *Stephens* ſhall diſcover her " Medicines; and that they ſhall be made public.

" III. THAT Mrs. *Stephens* ſhall receive the " Intereſt of this Sum, till ſuch Time as ſufficient " Trials have been made of the Medicines to be " diſcovered by her; and that ſhe ſhall receive the " Principal, if it appears to the above-mentioned " Truſtees, or a Majority of them, that theſe Me- " dicines are able to diſſolve Stones in the Bladder; " but if this does not appear, the Principal ſhall be " returned to the Contributors.

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FOR MAKING

Mrs. STEPHENS's *MEDICINES* Public.

FROM

APRIL 11th, 1738, to FEBRUARY 24, 1738-9.

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| BISHOP of Oxford | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Biſhop of Glouceſter | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Hales | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Earl of Pembroke | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Counteſs of Deloraine | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lady Betty Jermaine | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Lady Vere Beauclerc | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Le Neve | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Earl of Godolphin | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Stephen Poyntz, Eſq; | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Butler, now Biſhop of *Briſtol* | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Houghton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| George Lloyd, Eſq; | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Townſhend, Eſq; | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Capt. Kellet | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Col. Weſt | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Killigrew | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Gilbert | 3 | 3 | 0 |

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| Richard Arundle, Eſq; | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Hodſon | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Mr. Clutton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Herbert | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lady Margaret Herbert | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dutcheſs of Gordon | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Townſhend | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Benjamin Timbrel | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| William Wardour, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. Charles Howard | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. Fuller | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. Lowther | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brigadier Armſtrong | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. Pulteney | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Col. Wardour | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. Earle | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Bacon | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Forth | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Major Elliot | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Mathews | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Col. Oglethorp | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Noel | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lord Robert Manners | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Hyde | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Francis Townſhend | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Hodges | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Capt. Corbet | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. John White | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Edward Weſton, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lord Viſcount Lonſdale | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| Duke of Rutland | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles-Hanbury Williams, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Whetham | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Earl of Scarborough | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Herbert, Eſq; | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Crayle | 20 | 0 | 0 |

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| Rev. Mr. Thomas Pocock | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Biſhop of Bath and Wells | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Usborne | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Le Neve | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Thomas Winnington, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| John Dives, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| John Milner, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Anthony Lowther, Eſq; | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Cokeſey, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Sabine | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Woodford | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Spencer Cowper, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Sabine | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Pendarves | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Richard Eyre | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Joſeph Burroughs, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brigadier Gueſt | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Robert Taylor, M. D. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| William Vaughan, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dr. White | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Barbour | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miſs Egerton | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Lady Grey | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Walton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Biſhop of Salisbury | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Sir James Lowther, Bart. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Samuel Collet | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Thomas Robinſon, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lady Cornwallis | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| William Wollaſton, Eſq; | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Lord Cadogan | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mrs. Anne Baker | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Samuel Dunn | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Pitt | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Annabella Newman | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Lady Anne Colleton | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| Lady Sarah Cowper | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Unknown Hands | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Mrs. De la Bene | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Diana Smith | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| C. G. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. John Kelley | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Greenville | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Ralph Allen, Eſq; | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| William Fauquier, Eſq; | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Charles Longueville, Eſq; | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Hartcliff | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. More | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Cannon | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Selwin | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Edward Conyers, Eſq; | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Dixie Windſor, Eſq; | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Peter Shaw, M. D. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| David Hartley, M. A. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lord Cornwallis | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| John Merril, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Robert Raikes | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Col. John Selwin | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. John Cay | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Dutcheſs of Portland | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Earl of Clarendon | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Archer | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| Duke of Leeds | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| C. D. | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Lord Lymington | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Hon. Mrs. Jane Lowther | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Lord Galloway | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto for ſeveral | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| Dr. Birch, *Chancellor of* Worceſter | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Meſſ. Snow and Paltock | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Sir William Wynne | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Joſeph-Windham Aſh, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| Mrs. Aſhe | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| John Windham, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Windham | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Robert Andrews, Eſq; | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Graves | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Edward Hooper, Eſq; | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Manning | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Leigh | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Serwen | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. John Crow, *Staymaker* | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| James Harris, Eſq; | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| George Proctor, Eſq; | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| John Norris, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Hickford | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| General Churchill | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. John Trott | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Col. Read | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Counteſs of Huntington | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Mahoon | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Col. Ferrers | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| John Pedley, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Alured Clarke | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Thomas Frederick, Eſq; | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Laplace | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. Edward Bennett | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hon. Mrs. Frances Woodhouſe | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Rev. Dr. Nicholas Carter | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Mary Brown | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| William Sharp, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sir Thomas Lowther, Bart. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. James Sturgeon | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| M. A. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Capt. Mead | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sir Edward Smith, Bart. | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Thomas Williams | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| | l. | s. | d. |
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| James Falkener, Eſq; | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Duke of Richmond | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Stark | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Liſter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Cave | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Simon Patric, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| James Burrow, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Iſaac-Hawkins Brown, Eſq; | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Nicholas Harding, Eſq; | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Col. Hardinge, M. D. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Sir George Saville, Bart. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Cary | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Parks | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Rev. Dr. Sykes | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown Hand | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| William Wright, Eſq; | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Rev. Mr. Swinton | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Thomas Nettleton, M. D. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Hawkins, *Surgeon* | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| M. Monſey, M. D. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Maitland | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Duke of Kent | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1387 | 13 | 0 |

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# AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING Some other CASES.

## CXXXII.

### Mr. JAMES, Greenwich.

ABOUT the latter End of the Year 1734, I found upon Riding twenty or thirty Miles on a trotting Horſe, that I was ſubject to void my Urine with ſome Blood in it, (or of a dark bloody Colour) upon which, and the Pains that followed, I was obliged to ride but very little on Horſeback, and that very gently. I could bear no Coach upon the Stones without the ſame Diſorder; and the Summer following could hardly reach to *Lambeth*, driving gently in a ſingle Horſe-chair, nor walk half a Mile without great Pain and Uneaſineſs. In this Time I was very apprehenſive, I think I might ſay very ſenſible, that I had a Stone growing in my Bladder. In walking, eſpecially if I made a larger Step than ordinary, I felt it hurt me; little at firſt, but towards the end of the Year 1735, and all the Year 1736, I had at Times much Pain from it. All this time I continued taking the beſt Medicines uſually preſcribed in ſuch Caſes, and with Temperance and Abſtinence joined therewith did, I believe, keep

keep the Stone from growing ſo faſt, as it would otherwiſe have done.

Notwithſtanding this, upon a little Walking or other Motion more than ordinary, my Pain would return, and hold me ſome Days, with great Heat and almoſt continual Need to make Water, which came away in very ſmall Quantity at a Time, and with much Torment. When I voided my Urine more freely in the Intervals of the Fits, it would upon Riding Twenty-four Hours, produce ſuch a Cruſt upon the Sides of the Chamber-pot, that it was difficult to be got off even by ſcowering with Sand. The Stone in this Time growing larger, became ſo uneaſy to me, as not only to hurt me more and more upon Motion, but to Pain me when I ſate down or ſtooped; and at laſt even in lying down in Bed, that I was forced oftentimes to lie with a ſmall Pillow between my Knees.

In *March* 1737, I began to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, and continued them for about three Months, very regularly. For the firſt eight or ten Days they much increaſed my Pains, that is, I began to be in Pain about the third Day after taking, which increaſed to the ſixth or ſeventh, and then gradually declined till the ninth or tenth; after which, in the whole Time of taking them, I felt no Pain at all, nor had I any in making Water, though after the firſt Month or ſix Weeks, I ventured to uſe more Exerciſe than I had done for many Months before.

I could never diſcover that I voided any Pieces or Fragments of Stone, but after a ſhort Time my Water would frequently have a white Sediment like Flower at the Bottom of it, which making a Kind of Paſte, would when gathered up and expoſed to the Sun or warm Air, turn to a Kind of ſtony Subſtance. This was ſo impalpable as to give me no Pain in the voiding it, and in ſhort I found ſo much

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Eaſe from my former Complaints, and was ſo well as to be able to bear a Journey of thirty or forty Miles in a Chair, that I concluded all Danger was over, and the Liquid with the warmth of the Weather and bringing from *London* growing nauſeous to me, I left off the Medicines contrary to Mrs. *Stephens*'s Advice, who told me the Stone was not all come away. With taking now and then ſome Oil and Honey beaten together, Barley-Water with Gum Arabic and ſuch Kind of Things, I kept pretty free from Pain for above Twelve-months, but was ſtill apprehenſive of the Stone, and upon taking a Journey in *Auguſt* laſt, about thirty Miles acroſs the Country in a Chair, my former Symptoms returned, and I was in much Pain by Fits, for ſix or eight Days. At length I found a total Suppreſſion or Stoppage of Urine, occaſioned by a Stone which had plugged up the Paſſage at the Neck of the Bladder ſo entirely, that I could not make one Drop of Water for eighteen or twenty Hours, though ſtimulated thereto with great Pain every Quarter of an Hour. After violent ſtraining and taking much Oil and Honey, with white Wine Whey and Mallow Tea, ſweetened with Honey, the Stone paſſed the Neck of the Bladder and ſtuck in the Urethra. This abated my Pains but little, being ſtill unable to make a Drop of Water, but with frequent ſtraining I forced the Stone through the Paſſage, that the ſmall End of it was protruded about the eighth Part of an Inch beyond the *Glans Penis*. I had in this Time ſent for an eminent Surgeon, Mr. *John Thorp*, of *Reading*, who coming to me early in the Morning, few Hours after the Stone had got ſo forward, did with his Forceps at the ſmall End of it, and getting a Catheter ſomewhat hooked behind it, extract the Stone without Cutting. The Stone was in Shape like the Kernel of a Filberd, and as ſmooth, meaſuring in girt one Inch $\frac{1}{4}$ one way,

and one Inch $\frac{1}{8}$ the other. I had no Fever or other ill Symptom followed, but in leſs than a Month's Time, upon my return to *Greenwich*, *viz.* in the Beginning of *Sept.* laſt, did again begin to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, apprehending I had ſtill another Stone. For the firſt eight or ten Days I had as much or rather more Pain, than when I began to take them in 1737, but that went off, and I have ſince taken them pretty conſtantly, without feeling any Pain in making Water, or at other Times. I have ſince the taking them, voided great Quantities of a Sort of ſoft Paſte (which I find upon filtering my Water) generally white, but for the firſt Month or ſix Weeks, would after much ſtirring or walking, be ſometimes reddiſh, which Mrs. *Stephens* attributed to the Stones fretting ſome of the Parts of the Bladder, ſo as to tinge the Sediment of a bloody Colour. I feel now no Pain or Stoppage in making Water, no Uneaſineſs in lying, ſitting, or moving in a Chair over the Stones, ſo far as I have hitherto had Occaſion to go. I comfort myſelf with the Hope of being able to ride on Horſeback again, which I have not done for theſe three Years paſt; and as by making the Liquid Medicine at Home, great Part of the Nauſeouſneſs is taken off; I purpoſe, GOD willing, to continue the Uſe of the Medicines till the Diſſolution is compleated, which by GOD's Bleſſing on them, and the Experience I have had of their Efficacy, I have no Reaſon to doubt of. I think proper to mention farther, that the Stone I voided, ſeemed by what remained on the Outſide of it, to have had formerly ſome whitiſh Coat about it, or to have had the outer Shell of it turned white by the Medicines formerly taken, but then it cannot be ſuppoſed grown much in the Time I left off the Medicines, which was above a Year and a Quarter. I have alſo obſerved, that notwithſtanding the Sediment of my Urine was ſubject to ſuch a ſtony Adhe-

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ſion to the Sides of the Chamber-pot, as before-mentioned, when I did not take the Medicines; yet in the Time of taking them, there is nothing of that Kind, but the Urine itſelf will rather diſſolve and looſſen an Incruſtation of that Kind, if by Accident it be found in the Veſſel made Uſe of by others.

JOHN JAMES.

*Feb.* 22, 1738-9.

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## CXXXIII.

Mr. LEDIARD's Son, Greenwich. *This and the two following Accounts were communicated to me, by Mr.* James.

MR. *Lediard*'s Son, a Lad of about fourteen Years of Age, (after he had been ſearched, and a Stone was found to be in his Bladder) took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, for about two or three Months; but his Stomach would not permit him to take them more than twice a Day, and I have Reaſon to think not that very regularly. However, he ſometimes voided a white Sediment with his Urine, which when ſettled was like Flower or a thin Paſte. The warm Weather coming on, and the Liquid being brought from *London*, it thickened to ſuch a Degree, that the Boy could no longer take it, and about *May* 1737, wholly deſiſted from the Medicines, and grew worſe and worſe in his Pain, from that Time to about *September* laſt; when he was Cut for the Stone by Mr. *Sharp*, and a very large ragged Stone extracted from him, weighing about an Ounce and a half.

## CXXXIV.

### Mr. PYM, Greenwich.

I Have ſeen Mr. *Pym*, who tells me he attempted taking the Medicines for a few Days; but as they rather increaſed than diminiſhed the Pains he had felt, his Stomach alſo being very weak, and he of great Age, he left them off, without receiving any Benefit that he is ſenſible of.

## CXXXV.

### Capt. PILKINGTON, Greenwich.

CAPTAIN *Pilkington* did take the Medicines at the Time I took them, in *March* 1737, and continued them two or three Months as I did; but not with much Regularity; for he would now and then diſcontinue them, when his Pains were great, or his Stomach weak. He told me whilſt he was taking them, he now and then apprehended they did him good, but then in a ſhort Time his Pains would return again, and make him of another Opinion.

## CXXXVI.

### Mr. SLOPER, Charleton, *near* Glouceſter.

I Was out of Order a conſiderable Time, but very bad for two or three Months, having a large Stone in my Back, and ſome ſmall ones, and exceſſive

exceſſive Vomiting with it. I was almoſt worn out, but after uſing Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines about a Fortnight, I found myſelf better, and as I went on with it my Health increaſed. But I never voided any Stone or Piece of one, but obſerved my Water to be ſometimes of a rediſh Colour. I cannot ſay I have no Remains of the Ail, but that which is gives but little Uneaſineſs, and does not at all diſturb my Stomach, my Strength and Fleſh being well returned.

*Feb.* 21, 1738-9. SAM. SLOPER.

## CXXXVII.

### Mr. LEVI, Lime-Street-Square.

HAS been troubled with a Pain in making Water from his Infancy, as alſo on any Motion. Was ſearched ſome Years ſince, when it was agreed he had a Stone in the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for five Months, and found himſelf ſome little Matter eaſier during that Time; altho' nothing came from him. The Colour and Settlement of his Urine was juſt the ſame as before. Would have continued the Medicines, but his Stomach could not bear ſo large a Quantity.

## CXXXVIII.

### Mr. Carew, Waldingfield, *near* Sudbury, Suffolk.

I Took the Liquor ſix Weeks, and after I had done I voided a large Stone which meaſured better than an Inch about, and as ſmooth as if it had been poliſhed. But I have had divers Stones, and alſo very large ones, before I took the Medicines. I am now troubled with another that I cannot get rid of. The Stones are of the red ſandy Kind, tho' very hard.

*Feb.* 14, 1738-9. T Carew.

## CXXXIX.

### John Head, Eſq; Hodcut, *near* Ilſley, Berks.

I Have been troubled with the Stone and Gravel thirty Years, but for a Twelve-month before I took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines none came from me, which gave me great Uneaſineſs. I could neither ride in the Coach, nor on Horſe-back, nor walk without great Pain and making bloody Water. I went to *London*, *Nov.* 1737, with Thoughts of being cut. I was ſearched by Mr. *Cheſelden*, who aſſured me I had a Stone in my Bladder, tho' he believed not large, and told me I might ſafely be cut. But hearing ſeveral had received great Benefit from Mrs. *Stephens* I applied to her, and began her Medicines, *Dec.* 1737, which gave me great Pain

Pain Night and Day for ten or twelve Weeks; but afterwards I grew eaſier, and could very ſoon bear riding in a Coach over the Stones without much Pain. Before I took the Medicines I voided large Pieces of Gravel, but what I have had come from me ſince has been ſmaller and in a ſofter State. I have a foul Water with a white Sediment. I am much better in every Reſpect ſince I took the Medicines, tho' not ſo eaſy as I was ſix Months ago, and I have frequenter Occaſions of making Water. I I can now walk and ride moderately without any Inconveniency.

*Feb.* 22, 1738-9. JOHN HEAD.

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## CXL.

### Mrs. MATTHEWS, *at a* Tallow-Chandler's *in* Brewer-Street, *near* Golden-Square.

HAS been ſubject to violent Pain in the Back for about twenty Years, and often brought away ſmall Stones of the Shape of Kidney-beans. Beſides, has of late Years been apprehenſive of an Ulcer in the right Kidney, becauſe of very acute Pain in that Part, and a Diſcharge of ſlimy Party-coloured Matter with her Urine. She took Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for ten Weeks laſt Summer was Twelve-month, but finding them very forcing and to cauſe an Increaſe of Pain, left them off, and has now the ſame Complaints as before.

## CXLI.

Mrs. CATHERINE PYM, Cook *to her Grace the Dutcheſs of* Rutland, Groſvenor-Square.

HAS been troubled with ſuch a Diſorder in her Back and Side for about a Year paſt, that ſhe could not ſtoop forward, or turn herſelf in Bed without exquiſite Pain. She has never, to her Knowledge, brought away Gravel or Stones, nor has had any Stoppape of Urine, but nevertheleſs was thought by ſome Perſons, with whom ſhe adviſed, to have a Stone in the Kidney; in Conſequence of which, (having tried a great variety of Medicines before to no Purpoſe) ſhe has now taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines eight Weeks. At firſt they rather increaſed her Pain and made her ſick, but begin now to agree better with her, and ſhe finds herſelf ſomething eaſier than before ſhe begun. Her Water has always a great Quantity of thick Sediment.

## CXLII.

*The Reverend* Mr. WILLIAMS, *Rector of* Stapleford Abbot, *near* Brentwood, Eſſex.

I Having been for twenty Years greatly afflicted with red Gravel and Pains in my Back, (eſpecially in my Right Kidney) had the Honour of waiting often upon my good Friend and Neighbour *Edward Carteret*, Eſq. at the Time of his great Diſorder from the Stone, and the Pleaſure of

of obſerving daily, the good Effects Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines had upon him, during that great ſtruggle. Upon that Encouragement I reſolved to take thoſe Medicines myſelf, in order to remove the conſtant Uneaſineſs I had in my Back, and to prevent the profuſe Sweats I then laboured under, (from the Gravel as I apprehended) and which had emaciated me to a great Degree. I took the Powders and Draught at firſt but thrice in the Twenty-four Hours, and was quite cleared of the Gravel and Sweating in ſix Weeks, and continue ſo ever ſince. But to my great Mortification I found, that though my Gravel was gone, the Pains in my Back and Kidneys did not ceaſe; and was aſſured by Mrs. *Stephens*, that thoſe uneaſy Senſations aroſe from the Stone, otherwiſe thoſe Symptoms would not have continued. I then determined to go on with the Uſe of the ſame Medicines, and to repeat them four Times a Day; which had ſo good an Effect, that they brought away continually white Water, that had a Sediment as if Chalk had been ſcraped into it; and ſeveral Bits or Fragments of white Stone of various Shapes; but they commonly appeared like little Flakes, that ſcaled from a larger Piece of Stone, and were of a ſoft or pappy Subſtance, at the Time of voiding them. Finding every Day ſo much Benefit from theſe Powders and Draught, (each of which I took four Times a Day) and that my general Health was promoted without the leaſt Inconveniency from them, I was encouraged to continue the Uſe of theſe Medicines for above two Years, and am now, I bleſs GOD, perfectly free from any Pain in my Back or Kidney, and in every Reſpect in good Health.

RICE WILLIAMS.

*Feb.* 22, 1738-9.

## CXLIII.

### Mr. BOULT, Newmarket, Flintſhire.

IN the Year 1734, and the Fifty-ſixth of my Age, I was ſeized with the uſual Symptoms of the Stone in the Bladder; had frequent Motions to make Water, which came from me in vaſtly ſmall Quantities, attended with great Heat; and after a few Months to my great Surprize it became exceeding bloody. I had much Pain too in the Region of the Kidneys, which I fancy was more exquiſite, as that Part had been cruſhed, about thirty Years ago by a dangerous Fall, when engaged at *Tennis*, a violent Exerciſe I much delighted in.

Under this great Affliction I made Uſe of ſeveral Things in the common Way, and particularly the Spirit of *Turpentine* for Relief. But receiving no ſenſible Benefit, after the Exerciſe of much Patience for four Years, but on the contrary, my Conſtitution being extremely impaired by Delays, I apprehended myſelf reduced to the unhappy *Dilemma*, of cloſing my Life ſpeedily and miſerably, or undergoing that violent ſhock to Nature, a dangerous Operation. And as there was ſome Proſpect of Relief in the latter Caſe, without the leaſt in the former, I was determined to ſubmit to it.

Accordingly, I deſired a Friend to repreſent my Caſe to a Gentleman in *Mancheſter*, noted for his Succeſs in Cutting. But while the Affair was in Agitation, and after the Time of my Journey had been fixed, I accidentally heard of the good Effects of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines on a Gentleman in *Cheſter*; who upon Enquiry, ſatisfied me ſo fully in all

all Reſpects, that I thought proper to try the Experiment myſelf.

Under this Reſolution I began to take the Medicines about the Middle of *Sept.* 1738. And muſt needs confeſs that during the firſt three Weeks my Caſe was very deplorable. However obſerving my Water to depoſite a heavy Sediment, with a Mixture of white gritty Particles, I was encouraged not to deſiſt. And in a ſhort Time I had the Pleaſure of voiding three or four ſmall angular Stones, of a yellowiſh Caſt, and in a pretty hard State, but without much Difficulty. And from that Time to this, ſcarce a Day has paſſed, but I have been preſented with Pieces of Stone, ſome very ſmall and ſoft, others pretty large and hard, and of a very irregugular Shape, but moſt if not all of a whitiſh Colour.

The Conſequences whereof (through divine Mercy) have been extremely Beneficial to me; my natural Strength is renewed, my Sleep returned, my general Health improved, and in a Word, I re-enter the Stage of Life, to diſpatch the little Affairs aſſigned me on it, with new Pleaſure. I ſtill take the Medicines, and hope in a little Time my Cure will be perfected.

*Feb.* 19, 1738-9. JOHN BOULT.

*P. S.* Since my Caſe was drawn up I rode fifteen Miles one Day on a hard trotting Horſe.

## CXLIV.

### Mr. GARTON, Clawſon, *near* Melton, Leiceſterſhire.

A Great while before I had a Suſpicion of having the Stone, I was often making Water, and it would be bloody upon Motion or riding, tho' without much Pain. I obſerved that I made Water almoſt every two Hours in the Night time, and oftener in the Day time; and it would come dropping for a conſiderable Time. But the latter End of the Year 1737, I had a Stoppage when I made Water, and great Pain. And I had a Friend came to ſee me, and told me he was ſo, and Mr. *Fuller*, Apothecary of *Melton* gave him Eaſe. I ſent for Mr. *Fuller*, and he gave me ſome Things which gave me Eaſe ſpeedily, ſo that I could make Water again freely. But a little before *Martinmas* my Stoppage in making Water returned again. I ſent to Mr. *Fuller* again, and he ſent me the ſame Medicines, but I found no Eaſe. I took them for a Month, and at laſt it went off, ſo that I was ſomething eaſier. I had Occaſion to ride about four Miles to *Melton* in *January*, and with riding it made my Wa e thick and bloody; ſo I grew worſe and worſe after that Journey, and was very often making Water with great Pain. I heard of Mrs. *Stephens*, and wrote to a Friend to conſult her, and ſhe ſaid I muſt ſend my Grievance, how my Pain was, whether in my Kidneys or in my Bladder, or Stoppage of Water, or Pain in my Side. I continued worſe and worſe, ſo that I could neither eat, nor ſleep but very little; and almoſt always in great Pain, with Stoppage, and often forced to go to ſtool; inſomuch that my Fleſh waſted very much, having

having little or no Stomach, and but little ſleep; for I was forced to have the Pot ſeveral Times in a Quarter of an Hour, and when ſleep over-came me I wetted my Bed. I ſent to *Nottingham* for Mr. *Levett*, and was examined by him, and he told me I had a very large Stone in the Bladder. I began Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines *June* 3, 1738, and in one Month's Time I began to get my Stomach, and to ſleep, and could lie dry if I ſlept. I took the Medicines about ſix Months, and voided red Gravel, and many ſmall Bits of Stones in a ſoft and rotten State, and broad Scales. And the largeſt that I ever ſaw come from me was about three or four Days after I had done taking the Medicines; and I ſhould have taken more, if I had been near her when I ſaw that; but I could have none under a Fortnight, ſo I had a Mind to try how I ſhould be without them; but praiſed be God, and Thanks to Mrs. *Stephens*, I am in good Health and very eaſy.

*Feb.* 19, 1738-9. ROBERT GARTON.

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## CXLV.

### Mr. LEVER, Brazen-Noſe-College, Oxford.

I Have been afflicted with the Stone from a Child, ſometimes I have been for a whole Year or more free from all Pain, and ſometimes for above a Year after have been in continual Pain; and have had frequently, about once in a Month, very ſevere Fits, which have confined me for three or four Days to my Chamber.

After taking Phyſic by the Advice of ſeveral Phyſicians for many Years, with little or no Benefit, upon the ſecond of *July* 1737, I begun to take Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, which I continued taking regu-

regularly till *March* 6th following. Upon firſt taking the Medicines both my Pain and Fits abated; and I was free from Pain and Fits after leaving off the Medicines from *March* 6, till *Sept.* 2, when I had one Fit of the Stone, and upon *Oct.* 25, 1738, I began to take the Medicines again, and have ever ſince been free from Fits, but have now and then ſome ſmall Pain, and have lately voided many ſmall Pieces of Stone, and continue to take the Medicines in Hopes of a Cure.

*Feb.* 22, 1738-9. THOMAS LEVER.

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## CXLVI.

Mr. PAINE, Burton, *near* Kettering, Northamptonſhire. *His Caſe is contained in a Letter to Mrs.* Stephens, *dated* Feb. 24, 1738-9.

THE firſt Time I perceived any Thing of the Stone was in *July* 1736, after which I conſtantly made bloody Water upon riding or any other Exerciſe. I had ſeveral Attacks after that, and was ſeldom free from Pain. During this I voided a deal of Gravel, and ſeveral ſmall Stones, enough to convince me that this grievous Diſtemper was ſtrongly ſettled in me. Hearing therefore of the Succeſs of your Medicines, I began to take them the latter End of *November* laſt paſt. They put me to terrible Pain for near a Month, after which I was tolerable eaſy for near a Month; and then began to void Stones of a whitiſh Colour, in the Nature of Scales, with little Difficulty and not much Pain. I ſhould have told you before, that during the firſt Month of taking the Medicines, I voided large

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Quantities of a white ſlimy Subſtance, but no Gravel; and after that was come away I began to grow eaſier. I at this Time continue to bring away Stones, like thoſe above-mentioned, but cannot yet ride without Pain and Uneaſineſs, and am ſenſible that there is yet a Stone in my Bladder not diſſolved.

But from the Trial I have made of the Medicines I have great Reaſon to hope they will entirely free me from this terrible Diſtemper, and ſhall therefore go chearfully on taking them.

JOHN PAINE.

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## CXLVII.

### Mr. CROW, Cary-Street, *near* Lincoln's-Inn.

HAVING been long afflicted with Pain in my Back, *&c.* attended with Nauſeas and Vomiting, and not meeting with the Relief I expected from the Medicines I took by Preſcription, I began to take Mrs. *Seephens*'s Powder and Draught, *May* 24, 1738. The latter End of *June* I voided ſome Gravel and ſeveral Bits of chryſtalline Stone. I continued taking the Medicine (a few Days excepted) until the 16th of *Auguſt*, when I ſet out on a Journey to *Yorkſhire*, and returned the 30th of *September*. I had much Pain with Vomiting a few Days on my Journey, but have been very eaſy ſince my Return without taking any Medicines.

*Feb.* 23, 1738-9. JOHN CROW.

## CXLVIII.

### Mrs. Pool, Little-Hadham, Hertfordshire.

I Have voided no Stone either before or since taking Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines. My Complaints before I took Things from her were a great Disorder of foul and bloody Urine, which I had been a long Time afflicted with, and thereby brought very weak; and much inclining to a Dropsy. And could get no help till a Friend in Town advised with Mrs. *Stephens* for me; and in three Days after taking her Medicines, I was quite freed from that and have continued so. And tho' I am still inclined to a Dropsy, find I get Strength, and by going on with her Directions am in great hopes I shall recover my Health.

*March* 2, 1738-9. Su. Pool.

## CXLIX.

### Mr. Stoughton, Master *of* Trinity-Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

I Have been afflicted with the Stone and Gravel many Years, and in *October* last had a Stone in my Bladder too large to pass. But on taking Two twelve Shilling Doses of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicine, it was dissolved and came away in small Particles; and have ever since been entirelyfree from it, tho' hardly escaped a Month before this, but had many severe Attacks; and to that Medicine I am firmly persuaded my good State of Health is owing under God.

*March* 4, 1738-9. Hen. Stoughton.

N. B. *The Quantity of Medicines here mentioned is about sufficient for a Fortnight.*

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## CL.

### Mr. Browne, Weſterham, Kent.

TAKES Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines, apprehending that he has a Stone in his Bladder. Has brought away ſome Gravel; and been much eaſier and eaten his Victuals much better, ſince he has taken the Medicines.

*March* 5, 1738-9.

## CLI.

### Mr. North, *at* Mr. Mawgridges *near* Battle-Bridge, *in* Tooley-ſtreet, Southwark.

I Having been afflicted with the Stone for between fourteen and fifteen Years, was cured about five Years ago by taking two Papers of Mrs. *Stephens*'s Powders a Day for ten Weeks.

*Nov.* 25, 1738. Wm. North.

*This and the four Caſes that follow have been already publiſhed in the* Gentleman's Magazine. *I have endeavoured to get more particular Accounts of them all, but have not been able.*

## CLII.

### Mrs. CLIFTON, Overton, *near* Marlborough, Wilts.

*To* Mr HARDING.

*SIR,*

HAVING lately taken Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines for the Stone, and being in the public News-Papers desired to give you an Account of the Benefit or Mischief received thereby, I thought proper to acquaint you that I find no good, not having voided any Stone or Pieces of Stone, or Gravel, at the Time of taking them or since. I should be glad to be farther informed by Mrs. *Stephens*, her Opinion of their not taking the Effect as was expected, and also whether it is proper to repeat them the second Time, or if any Person ever does take them twice.

*Nov.* 4, 1738. *I am, Sir,*
*Your humble Servant,*
ANN CLIFTON.

## CLIII.

### WILLIAM DAWTREY, *Esq*; Doddinghurst-Place, Essex.

THE Medicine I received from Mrs. *Stephens* for the Stone, it is my Mind not only dissolves and melts away the Stone, but it brings perfect Health to the whole Body also. And were the greatest Prince in the whole World afflicted with

with the Stone, that ſad and melancholy Diſtemper, what can he do if Mrs. *Stephens*'s Medicines be not?

W. DAWTREY.

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## CLIV.

### Mrs. MARSH, Edgeworth, Middleſex.

*To* Mrs. STEPHENS;

*Madam*,

THIS is to acquaint you that I have taken your Medicines, and I hope I am perfectly cured. For I have voided abundance of Stones and Gravel, and I am bound to pray for you as long as I live; for I went to ſeveral Doctors, and none could give me Eaſe; for I think you are the only Woman in the World to cure that Diſeaſe. From reading it in the News, that you deſired to know of thoſe that had taken your Medicines, whether they were cured, made me ſo bold to ſend you this Letter, from

*Your very humble*

*Oct.* 2, 1738. *Servant till Death*,

RACHEL MARSH.

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## CLV.

### Mr. CARPENTER, Edgeworth, Middleſex.

Mrs. *Stephens*,

HAVING heard you were deſirous, that thoſe who had been cured by your Medicines ſhould acquaint you with it, I in particular am bound to pray for you as long as I live, and I wiſh you good

Succeſs in all your Undertakings, for with the Bleſſing of God I am cured.

*Oct.* 3, 1738. *From*
*Your humble Servant,*
THO. CARPENTER.

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*Addition to* Mr. Underwood's *Caſe.* *See Page* 112.

Mr. *Underwood* died *March* 1, 1738-9. Mr. *Sharp* opened him, *March* 2. Took out a Stone that had the Appearance of being very much waſted, moſt of the Shell being deſtroyed, and very much of the internal Subſtance eaten into, ſo as in ſome Meaſure to reſemble a carious Bone. There were no Pieces of Stone in the Bladder, which was in a very healthy State.

*I took down theſe Words from Mr.* Sharp's *Mouth,* March 3. *And it is to be hoped that the Friends and Relations of all ſuch as ſhall die after the Uſe of Mrs.* Stephens's *Medicines, will be ſo kind to the Public as to take Care that their Bodies be opened by ſome Perſon of Skill.*

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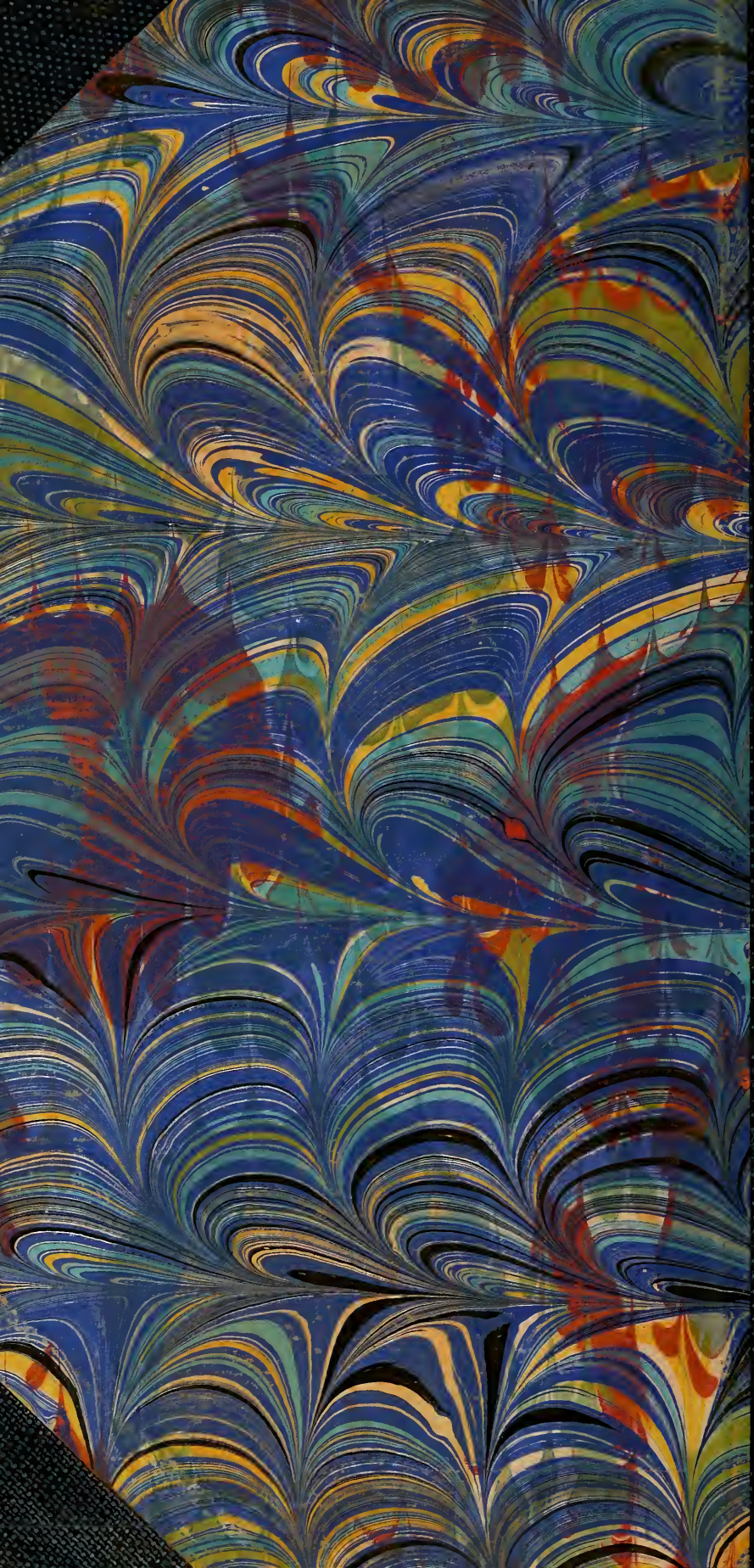
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